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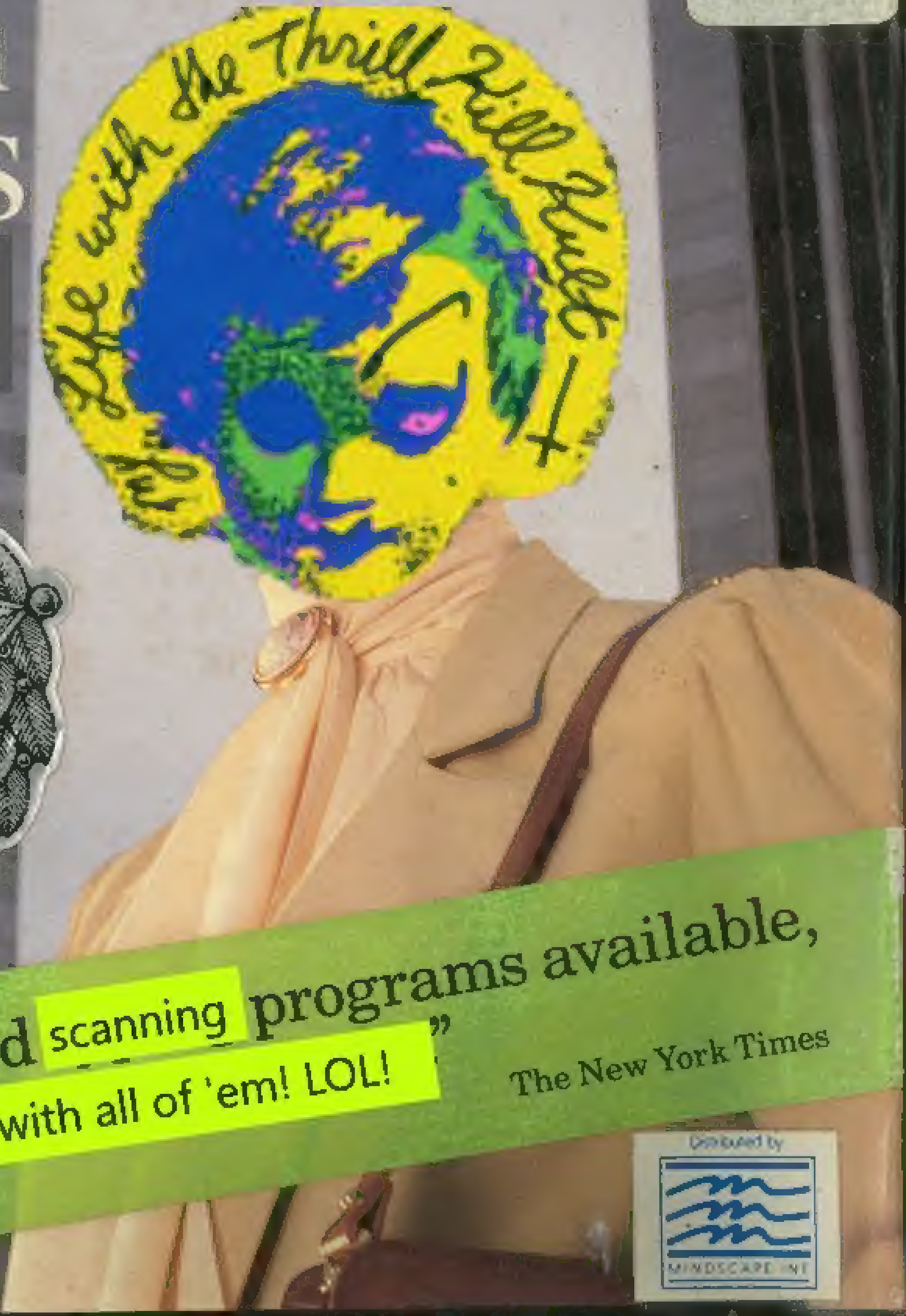
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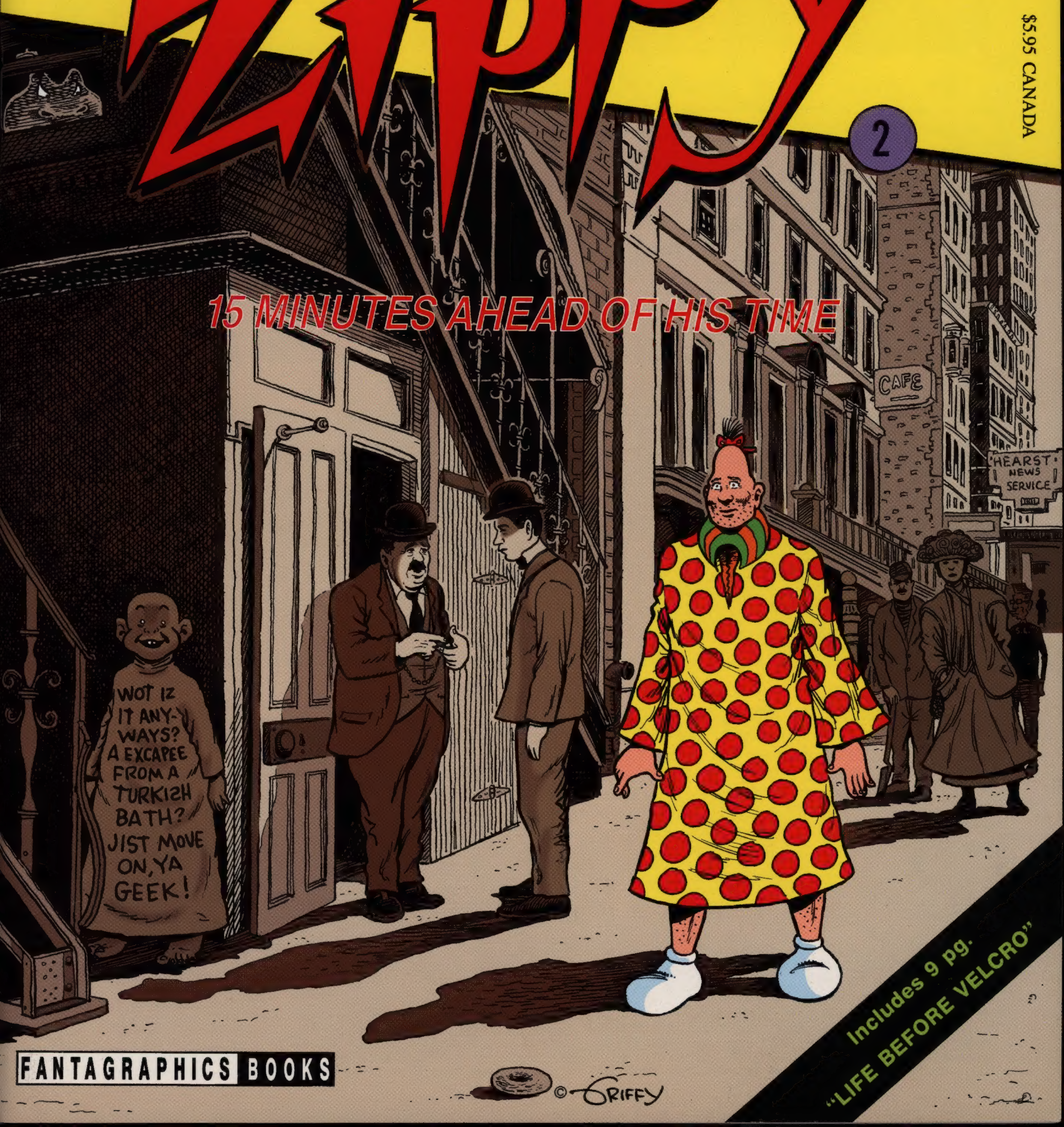
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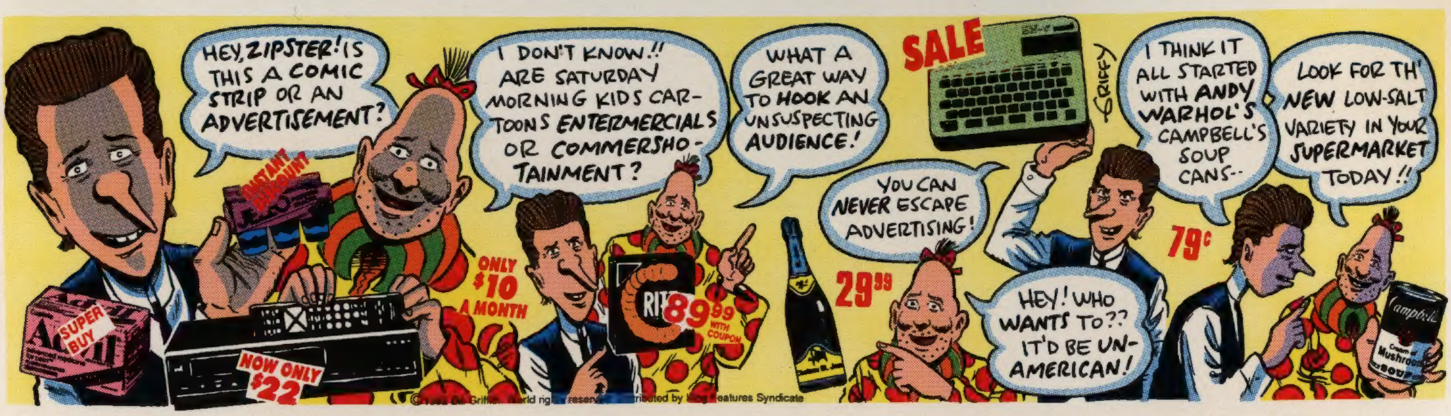
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I DON'T KNOW!! ARE SATURDAY MORNING KIDS CARTOONS ENTERMERCIALS OR COMMERSHOTAINMENT?
WHAT A GREAT WAY TO HOOK AN UNSUSPECTING AUDIENCE!
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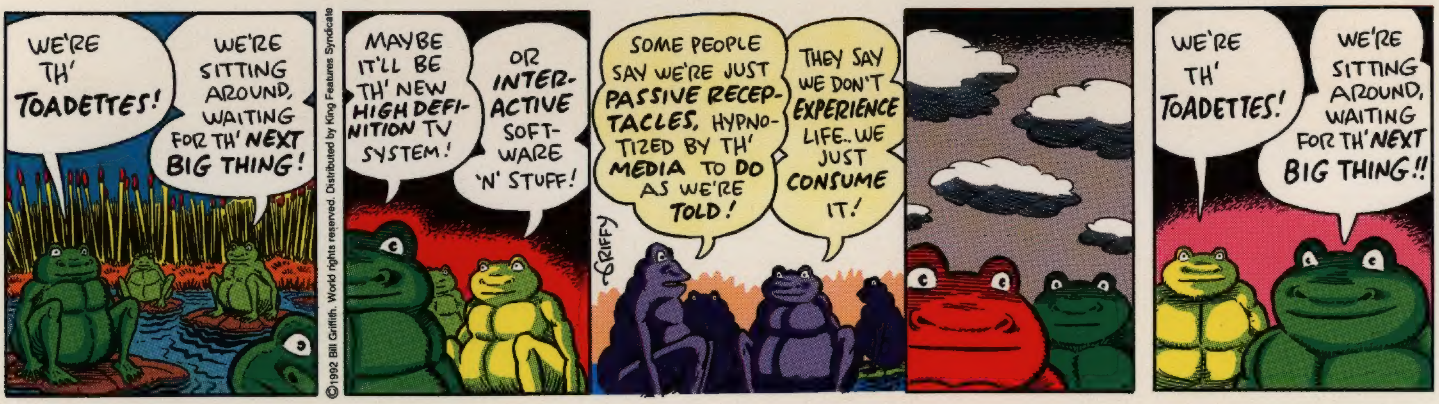
WE'RE TH' TOADETTES!
WE'RE SITTING AROUND, WAITING FOR TH' NEXT BIG THING!
MAYBE IT'LL BE TH' NEW HIGH DEFINITION TV SYSTEM!
OR INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE 'N' STUFF!
SOME PEOPLE SAY WE'RE JUST PASSIVE RECEPTACLES, HYPNOTIZED BY TH' MEDIA TO DO AS WE'RE TOLD!
THEY SAY WE DON'T EXPERIENCE LIFE.. WE JUST CONSUME IT!
WE'RE TH' TOADETTES!
WE'RE SITTING AROUND, WAITING FOR TH' NEXT BIG THING!!
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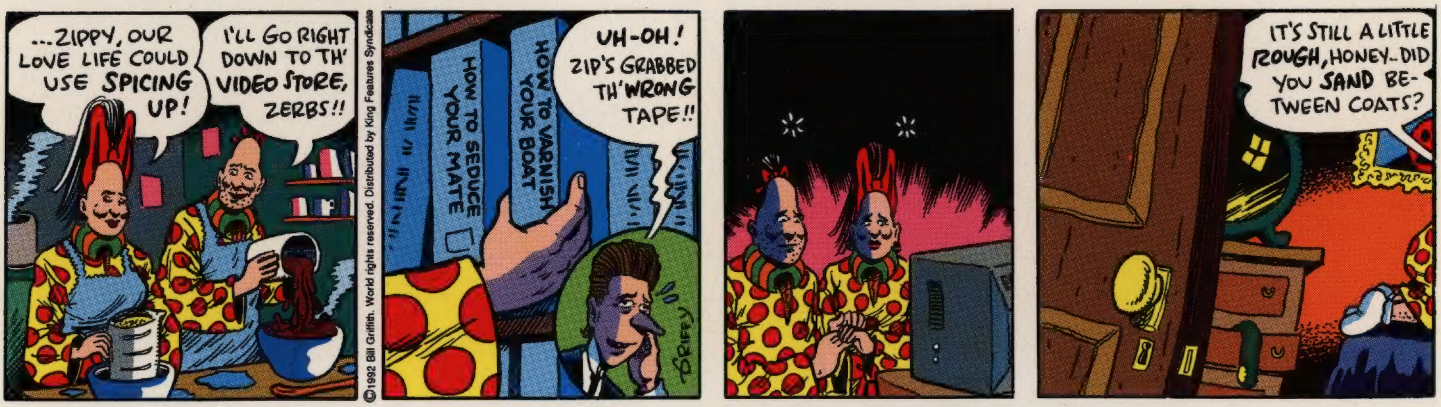
...ZIPPY, OUR LOVE LIFE COULD USE SPICING UP!
I'LL GO RIGHT DOWN TO TH' VIDEO STORE, ZERBS!!
HOW TO SEDUCE YOUR MATE
HOW TO VARNISH YOUR BOAT
UH-OH! ZIP'S GRABBED TH' WRONG TAPE!!
IT'S STILL A LITTLE ROUGH, HONEY.. DID YOU SAND BETWEEN COATS?
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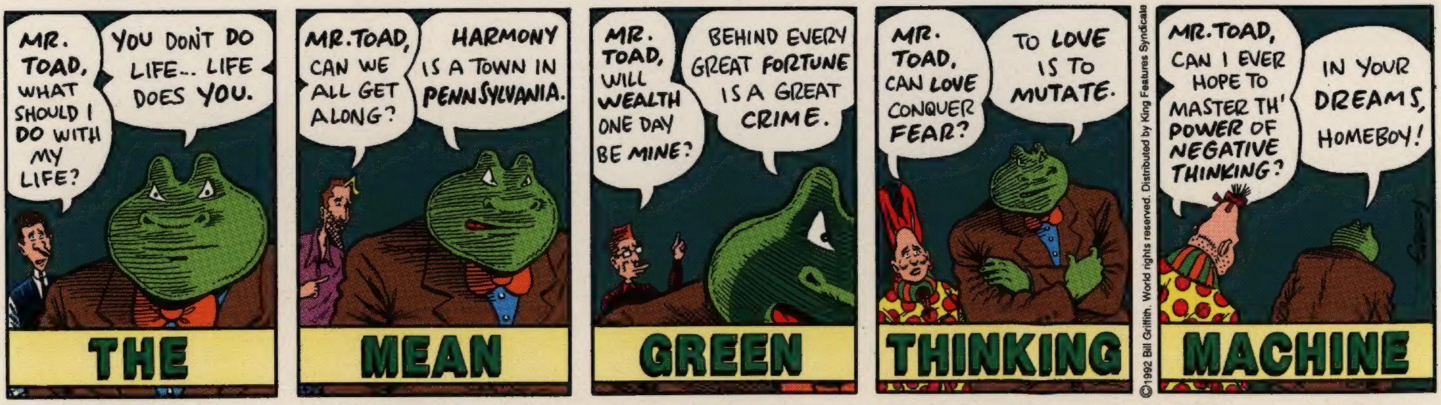
MR. TOAD, WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY LIFE?
YOU DON'T DO LIFE.. LIFE DOES YOU.
MR. TOAD, CAN WE ALL GET ALONG?
HARMONY IS A TOWN IN PENNSYLVANIA.
MR. TOAD, WILL WEALTH ONE DAY BE MINE?
BEHIND EVERY GREAT FORTUNE IS A GREAT CRIME.
MR. TOAD, CAN LOVE CONQUER FEAR?
TO LOVE IS TO MUTATE.
MR. TOAD, CAN I EVER HOPE TO MASTER TH' POWER OF NEGATIVE THINKING?
IN YOUR DREAMS, HOMEBOY!
THE
MEAN
GREEN
THINKING
MACHINE
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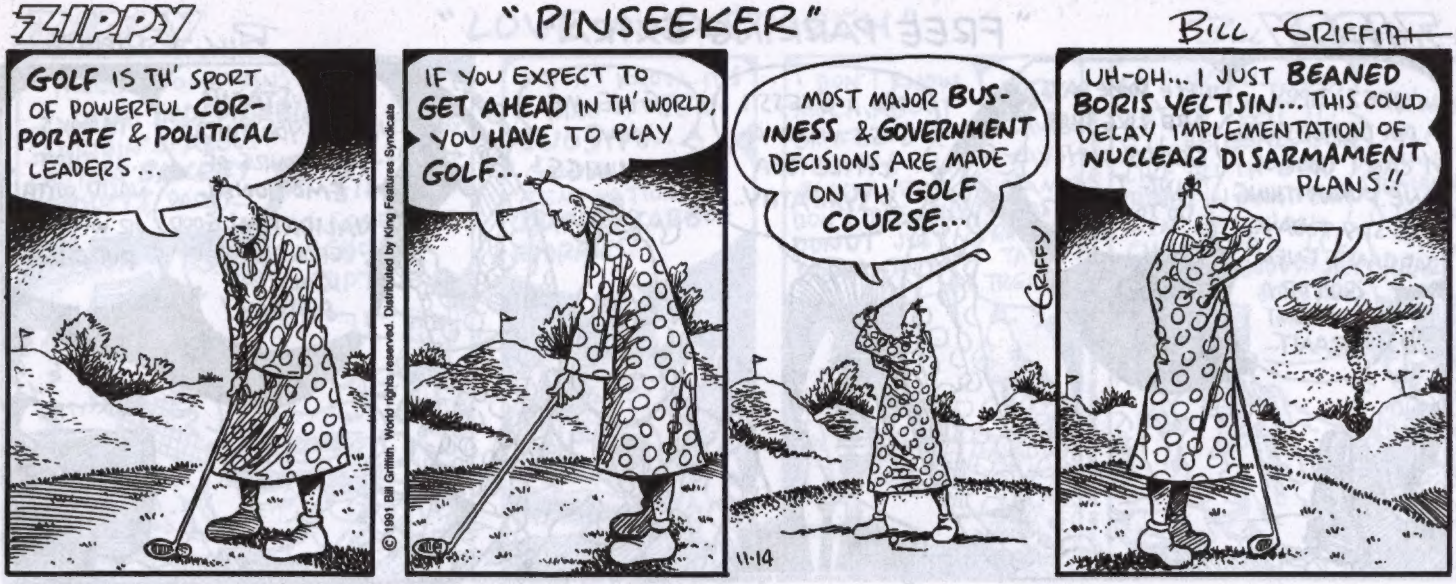
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"PINSEEKER"
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GOLF IS TH' SPORT OF POWERFUL CORPORATE & POLITICAL LEADERS...
IF YOU EXPECT TO GET AHEAD IN TH' WORLD, YOU HAVE TO PLAY GOLF...
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MOST MAJOR BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT DECISIONS ARE MADE ON TH' GOLF COURSE...
GRIFFY
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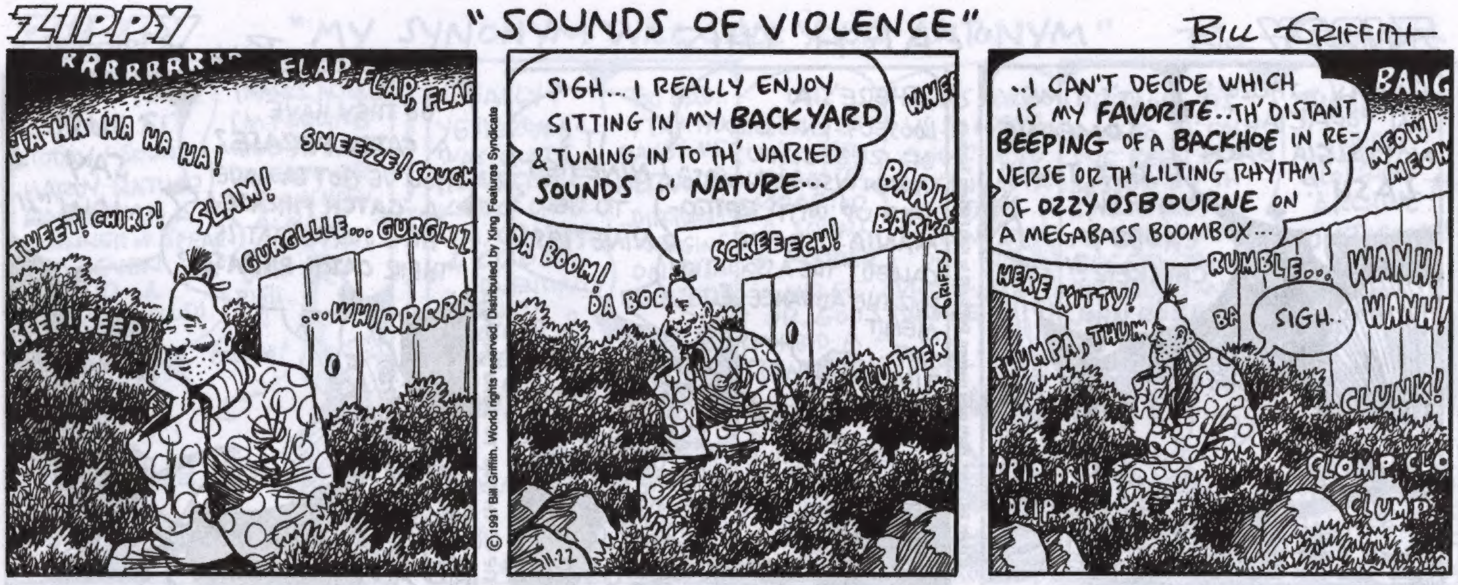
UH-OH... I JUST BEANED BORIS YELTSIN... THIS COULD DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT PLANS!!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"SOUNDS OF VIOLENCE"
BILL GRIFFITH
KRRRRRRRR
FLAP, FLAP, FLAP
HA HA HA HA HA!
SNEEZE! COUGH
TWEET! CHIRP!
SLAM!
GURGLLLE... GURGLLL
BEEP! BEEP
...WHIRRRRR
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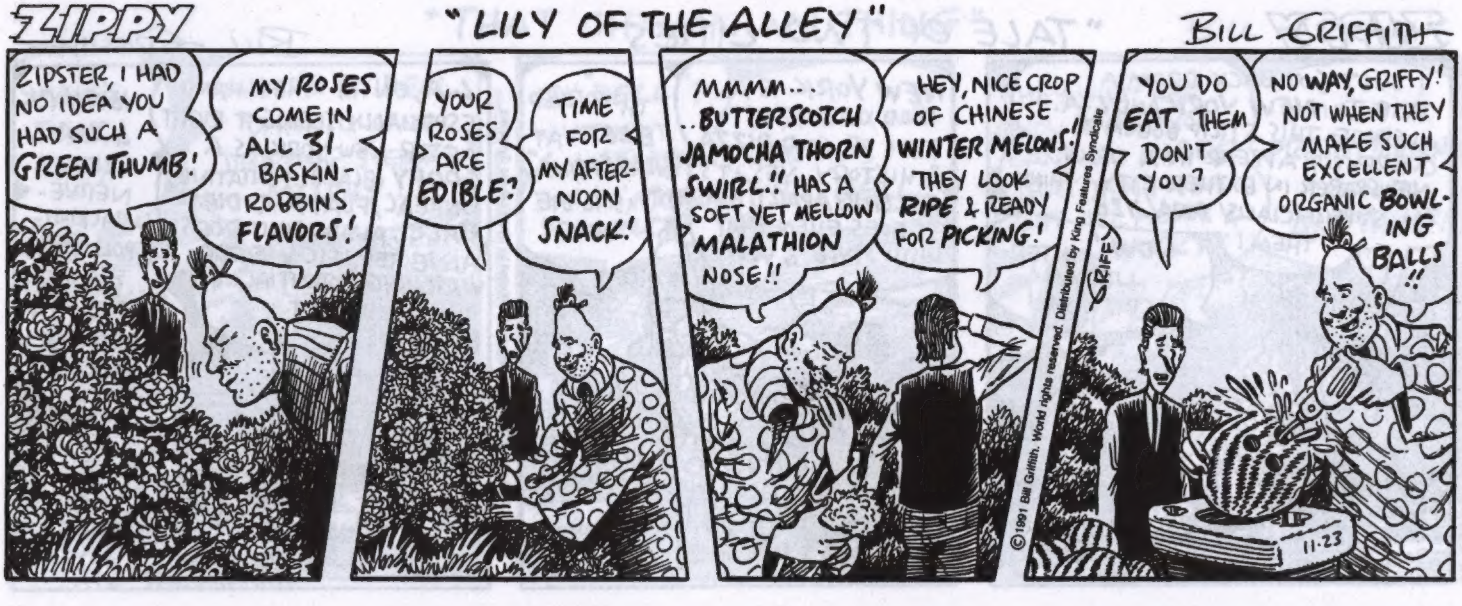
SIGH... I REALLY ENJOY SITTING IN MY BACKYARD & TUNING IN TO TH' VARIED SOUNDS O' NATURE...
WHEE
BARK! BARK!
DA BOOM!
DA BOO
SCREEECH!
GRIFFY
FLUTTER
11·22
..I CAN'T DECIDE WHICH IS MY FAVORITE..TH' DISTANT BEEPING OF A BACKHOE IN REVERSE OR TH' LILTING RHYTHMS OF OZZY OSBOURNE ON A MEGABASS BOOMBOX...
BANG
MEOW! MEOW
HERE KITTY!
RUMBLE...
WANH! WANH!
THUMPA, THUM
SIGH..
CLUNK!
DRIP DRIP DRIP
CLOMP CLO CLUMP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"LILY OF THE ALLEY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPSTER, I HAD NO IDEA YOU HAD SUCH A GREEN THUMB!
MY ROSES COME IN ALL 31 BASKIN-ROBBINS FLAVORS!
YOUR ROSES ARE EDIBLE?
TIME FOR MY AFTERNOON SNACK!
MMMM... ..BUTTERSCOTCH JAMOCHA THORN SWIRL!! HAS A SOFT YET MELLOW MALATHION NOSE!!
HEY, NICE CROP OF CHINESE WINTER MELONS! THEY LOOK RIPE & READY FOR PICKING!
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GRIFFY
YOU DO EAT THEM DON'T YOU?
NO WAY, GRIFFY! NOT WHEN THEY MAKE SUCH EXCELLENT ORGANIC BOWLING BALLS!!
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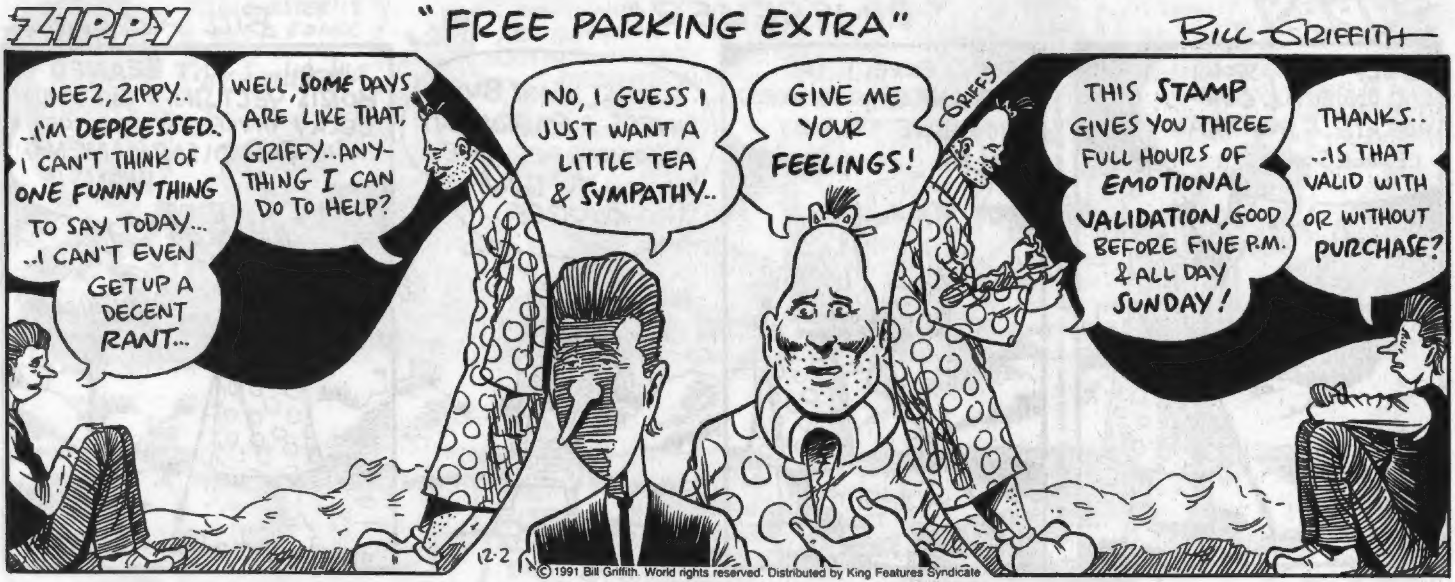
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"FREE PARKING EXTRA"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ, ZIPPY.. ..I'M DEPRESSED.. I CAN'T THINK OF ONE FUNNY THING TO SAY TODAY... ..I CAN'T EVEN GET UP A DECENT RANT...
WELL, SOME DAYS ARE LIKE THAT, GRIFFY..ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?
NO, I GUESS I JUST WANT A LITTLE TEA & SYMPATHY..
GIVE ME YOUR FEELINGS!
GRIFFY
THIS STAMP GIVES YOU THREE FULL HOURS OF EMOTIONAL VALIDATION, GOOD BEFORE FIVE P.M. & ALL DAY SUNDAY!
THANKS.. ..IS THAT VALID WITH OR WITHOUT PURCHASE?
12-2
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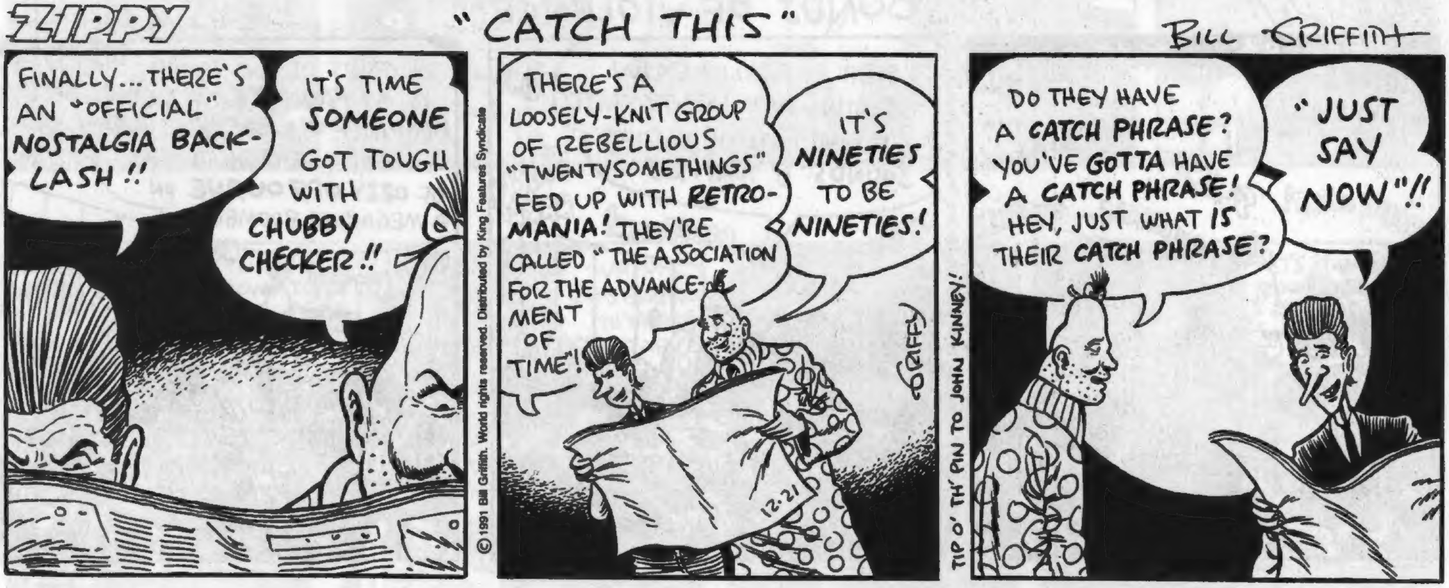
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"CATCH THIS"
BILL GRIFFITH
FINALLY...THERE'S AN "OFFICIAL" NOSTALGIA BACKLASH!!
IT'S TIME SOMEONE GOT TOUGH WITH CHUBBY CHECKER!!
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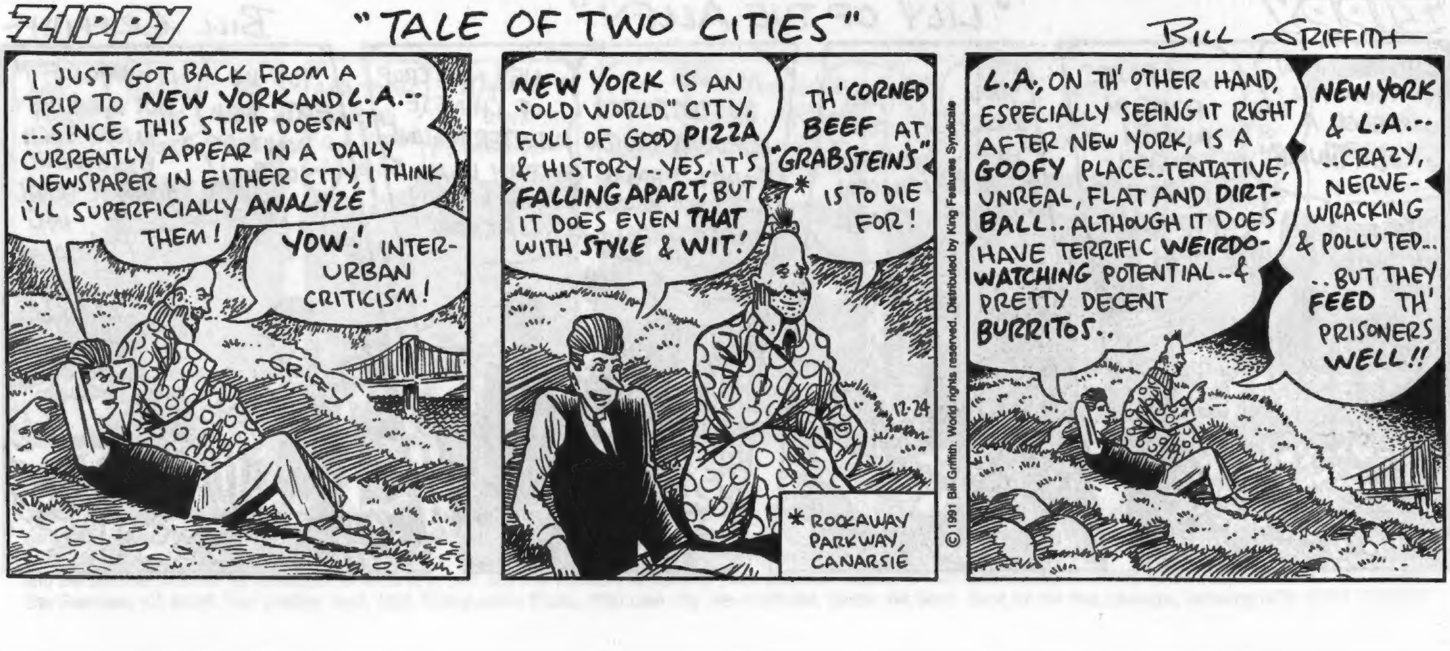
..THERE'S A LOOSELY-KNIT GROUP OF REBELLIOUS "TWENTYSOMETHINGS" FED UP WITH RETROMANIA! THEY'RE CALLED "THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TIME"!
IT'S NINETIES TO BE NINETIES!
GRIFFY
12-21
TIP O' TH' PIN TO JOHN KINNEY!
DO THEY HAVE A CATCH PHRASE? YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE A CATCH PHRASE! HEY, JUST WHAT IS THEIR CATCH PHRASE?
"JUST SAY NOW"!!


ZIPPY
"TALE OF TWO CITIES"
BILL GRIFFITH
I JUST GOT BACK FROM A TRIP TO NEW YORK AND L.A.-- ...SINCE THIS STRIP DOESN'T CURRENTLY APPEAR IN A DAILY NEWSPAPER IN EITHER CITY, I THINK I'LL SUPERFICIALLY ANALYZE THEM!
YOW! INTER-URBAN CRITICISM!
GRIFFY
NEW YORK IS AN "OLD WORLD" CITY, FULL OF GOOD PIZZA & HISTORY..YES, IT'S FALLING APART, BUT IT DOES EVEN THAT WITH STYLE & WIT!
TH' CORNED BEEF AT "GRABSTEIN'S"* IS TO DIE FOR!
12-24
*ROCKAWAY PARKWAY, CANARSIE
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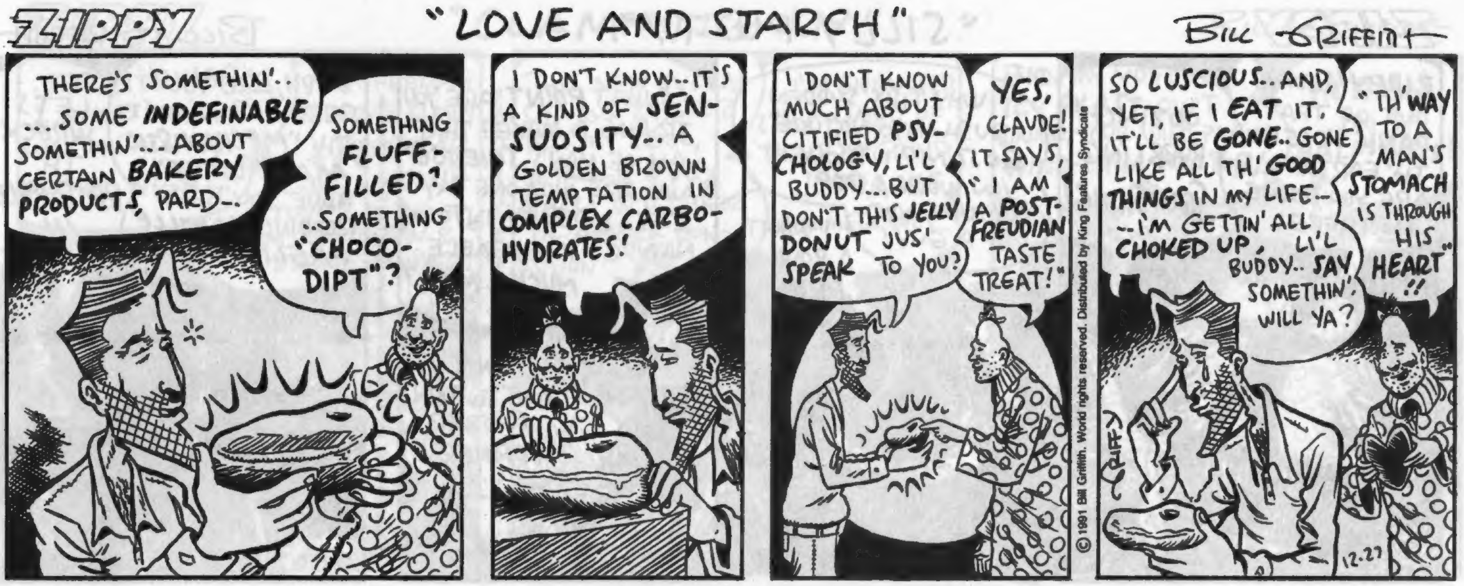
L.A., ON TH' OTHER HAND, ESPECIALLY SEEING IT RIGHT AFTER NEW YORK, IS A GOOFY PLACE..TENTATIVE, UNREAL, FLAT AND DIRTBALL.. ALTHOUGH IT DOES HAVE TERRIFIC WEIRDO-WATCHING POTENTIAL..& PRETTY DECENT BURRITOS..
NEW YORK & L.A.-- ..CRAZY, NERVE-WRACKING & POLLUTED... ..BUT THEY FEED TH' PRISONERS WELL!!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"LOVE AND STARCH"
BILL GRIFFITH
THERE'S SOMETHIN'.. ...SOME INDEFINABLE SOMETHIN'... ABOUT CERTAIN BAKERY PRODUCTS, PARD--
SOMETHING FLUFF-FILLED? ..SOMETHING "CHOCO-DIPT"?
I DON'T KNOW.. IT'S A KIND OF SENSUOSITY.. A GOLDEN BROWN TEMPTATION IN COMPLEX CARBOHYDRATES!
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT CITIFIED PSYCHOLOGY, LI'L BUDDY... BUT DON'T THIS JELLY DONUT JUS' SPEAK TO YOU?
YES, CLAUDE! IT SAYS, "I AM A POST-FREUDIAN TASTE TREAT!"
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SO LUSCIOUS.. AND, YET, IF I EAT IT, IT'LL BE GONE.. GONE LIKE ALL TH' GOOD THINGS IN MY LIFE-- --I'M GETTIN' ALL CHOKED UP, LI'L BUDDY.. SAY SOMETHIN', WILL YA?
"TH' WAY TO A MAN'S STOMACH IS THROUGH HIS HEART"!!
GRIFFY
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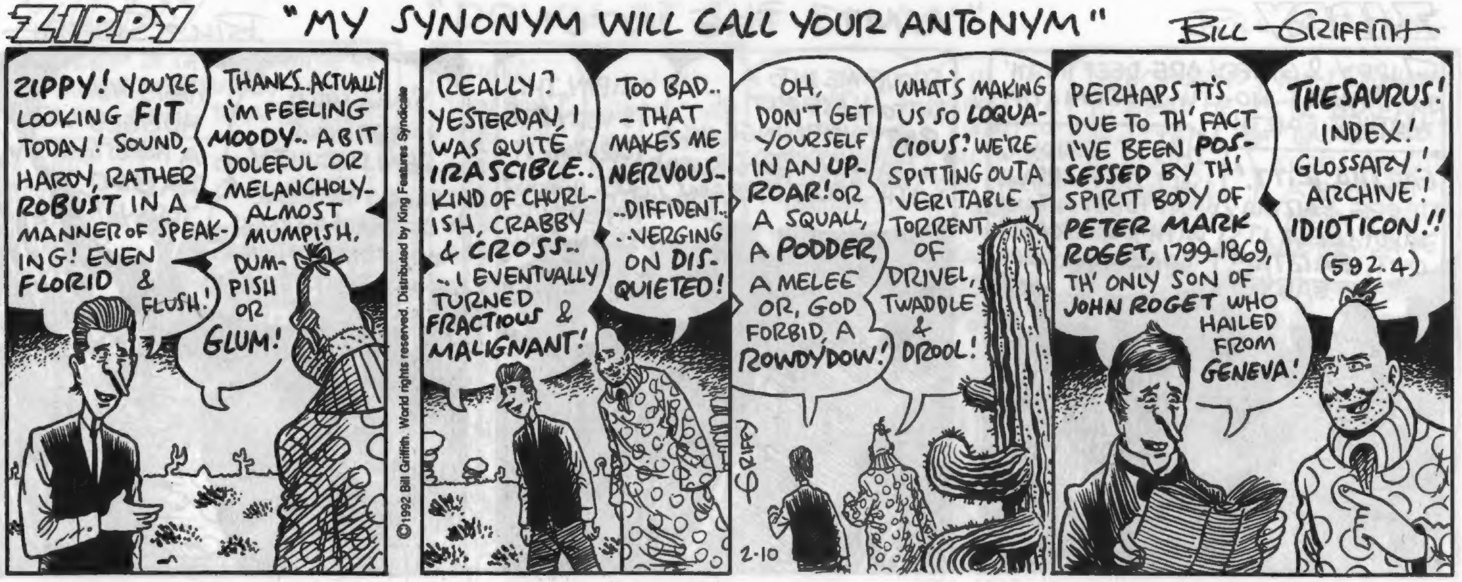
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"MY SYNONYM WILL CALL YOUR ANTONYM"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! YOU'RE LOOKING FIT TODAY! SOUND, HARDY, RATHER ROBUST IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING! EVEN FLORID & FLUSH!
THANKS..ACTUALLY I'M FEELING MOODY.. A BIT DOLEFUL OR MELANCHOLY.. ALMOST MUMPISH, DUMPISH OR GLUM!
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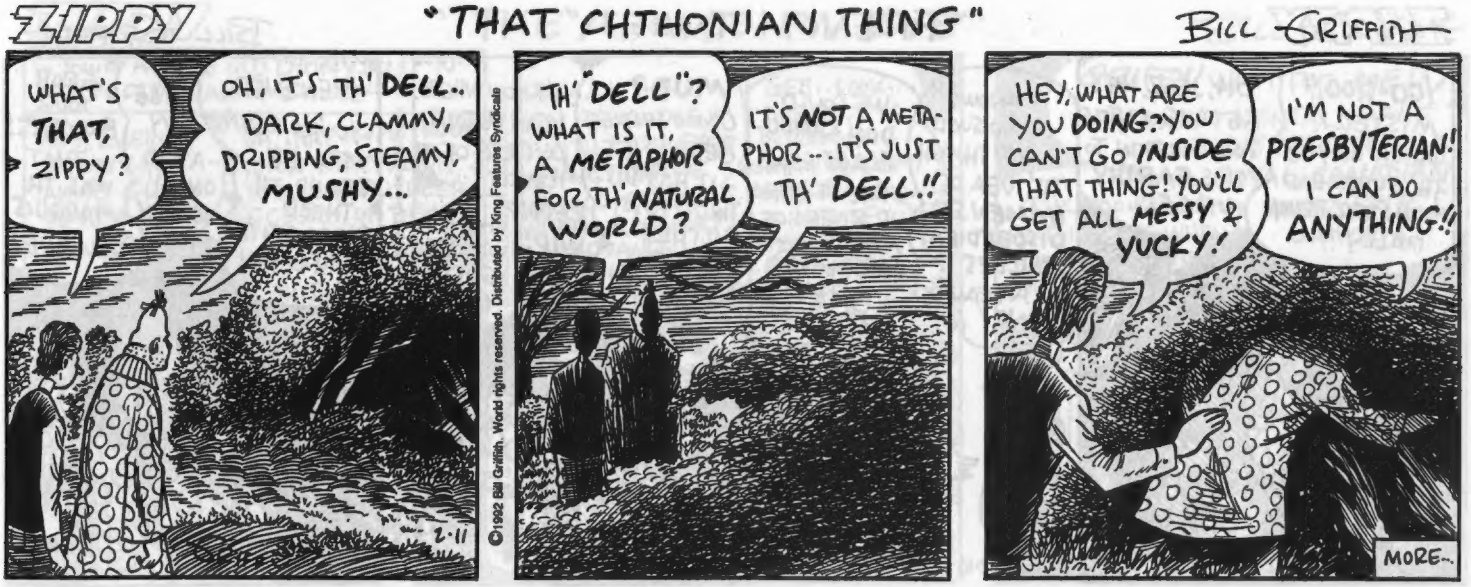
REALLY? YESTERDAY, I WAS QUITÉ IRASCIBLE.. KIND OF CHURLISH, CRABBY & CROSS.. ..I EVENTUALLY TURNED FRACTIOUS & MALIGNANT!
TOO BAD.. --THAT MAKES ME NERVOUS-- ..DIFFIDENT.. ..VERGING ON DISQUIETED!
GRIFFY
2-10
OH, DON'T GET YOURSELF IN AN UPROAR! OR A SQUALL, A PODDER, A MELEE OR, GOD FORBID, A ROWDYDOW!
WHAT'S MAKING US SO LOQUACIOUS? WE'RE SPITTING OUT A VERITABLE TORRENT OF DRIVEL, TWADDLE & DROOL!
PERHAPS IT'S DUE TO TH' FACT I'VE BEEN POSSESSED BY TH' SPIRIT BODY OF PETER MARK ROGET, 1799-1869, TH' ONLY SON OF JOHN ROGET WHO HAILED FROM GENEVA!
THESAURUS! INDEX! GLOSSARY! ARCHIVE! IDIOTICON!! (592.4)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"THAT CHTHONIAN THING"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'S THAT, ZIPPY?
OH, IT'S TH' DELL.. DARK, CLAMMY, DRIPPING, STEAMY, MUSHY...
2-11
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TH' "DELL"? WHAT IS IT, A METAPHOR FOR TH' NATURAL WORLD?
IT'S NOT A METAPHOR... IT'S JUST TH' DELL!!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU CAN'T GO INSIDE THAT THING! YOU'LL GET ALL MESSY & YUCKY!
I'M NOT A PRESBYTERIAN! I CAN DO ANYTHING!!
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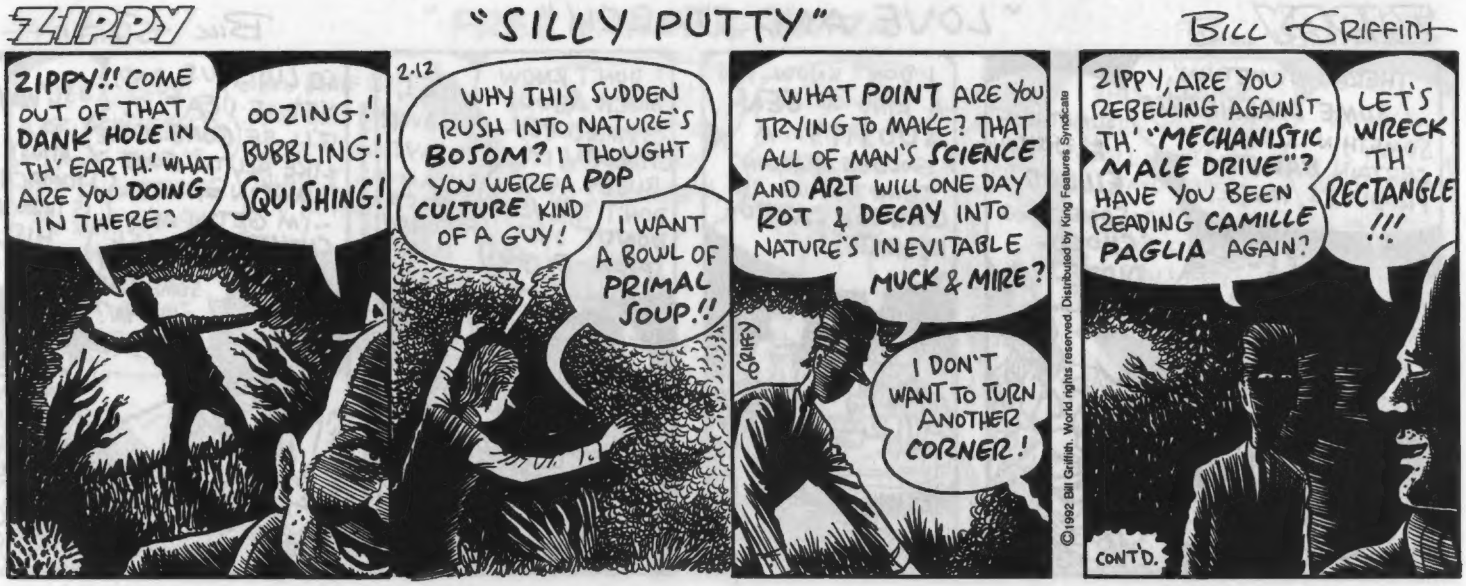
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"SILLY PUTTY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY!! COME OUT OF THAT DANK HOLE IN TH' EARTH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?
OOZING! BUBBLING! SQUISHING!
2·12
WHY THIS SUDDEN RUSH INTO NATURE'S BOSOM? I THOUGHT YOU WERE A POP CULTURE KIND OF A GUY!
I WANT A BOWL OF PRIMAL SOUP!!
WHAT POINT ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE? THAT ALL OF MAN'S SCIENCE AND ART WILL ONE DAY ROT & DECAY INTO NATURE'S INEVITABLE MUCK & MIRE?
GRIFFY
I DON'T WANT TO TURN ANOTHER CORNER!
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ZIPPY, ARE YOU REBELLING AGAINST TH' "MECHANISTIC MALE DRIVE"? HAVE YOU BEEN READING CAMILLE PAGLIA AGAIN?
LET'S WRECK TH' RECTANGLE!!!
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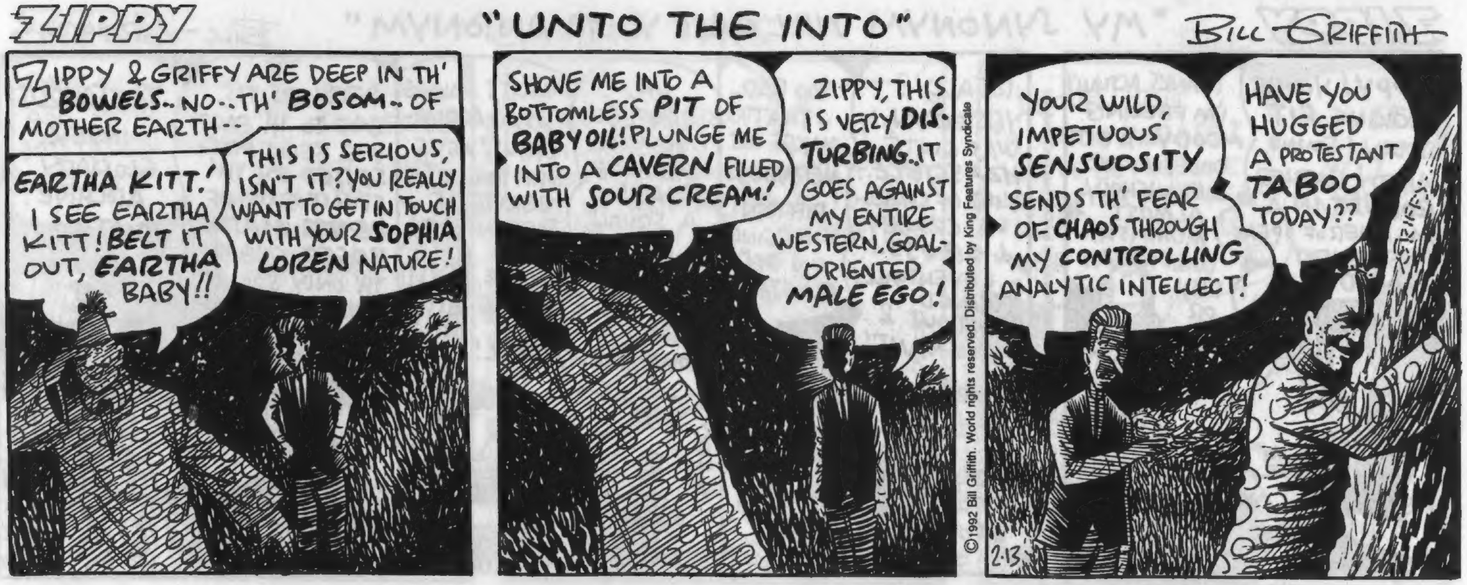
ZIPPY
"UNTO THE INTO"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & GRIFFY ARE DEEP IN TH' BOWELS.. NO.. TH' BOSOM.. OF MOTHER EARTH--
EARTHA KITT! I SEE EARTHA KITT! BELT IT OUT, EARTHA BABY!!
THIS IS SERIOUS, ISN'T IT? YOU REALLY WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR SOPHIA LOREN NATURE!
SHOVE ME INTO A BOTTOMLESS PIT OF BABY OIL! PLUNGE ME INTO A CAVERN FILLED WITH SOUR CREAM!
ZIPPY, THIS IS VERY DISTURBING. IT GOES AGAINST MY ENTIRE WESTERN, GOAL-ORIENTED MALE EGO!
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YOUR WILD, IMPETUOUS SENSUOSITY SENDS TH' FEAR OF CHAOS THROUGH MY CONTROLLING ANALYTIC INTELLECT!
HAVE YOU HUGGED A PROTESTANT TABOO TODAY??
GRIFFY
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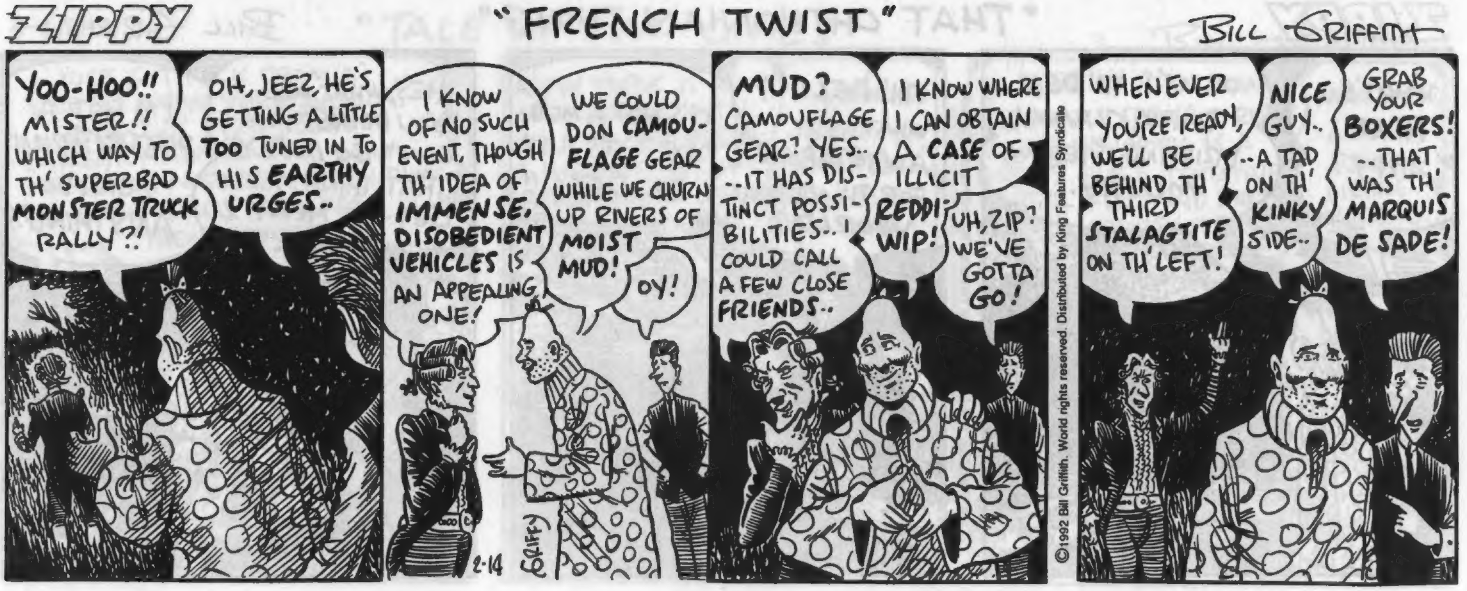
ZIPPY
"FRENCH TWIST"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOO-HOO!! MISTER!! WHICH WAY TO TH' SUPERBAD MONSTER TRUCK RALLY?!
OH, JEEZ, HE'S GETTING A LITTLE TOO TUNED IN TO HIS EARTHY URGES..
I KNOW OF NO SUCH EVENT, THOUGH TH' IDEA OF IMMENSE, DISOBEDIENT VEHICLES IS AN APPEALING ONE!
WE COULD DON CAMOUFLAGE GEAR WHILE WE CHURN UP RIVERS OF MOIST MUD!
OY!
GRIFFY
2·14
MUD? CAMOUFLAGE GEAR? YES.. ..IT HAS DISTINCT POSSIBILITIES.. I COULD CALL A FEW CLOSE FRIENDS..
I KNOW WHERE I CAN OBTAIN A CASE OF ILLICIT REDDI-WIP!
UH, ZIP? WE'VE GOTTA GO!
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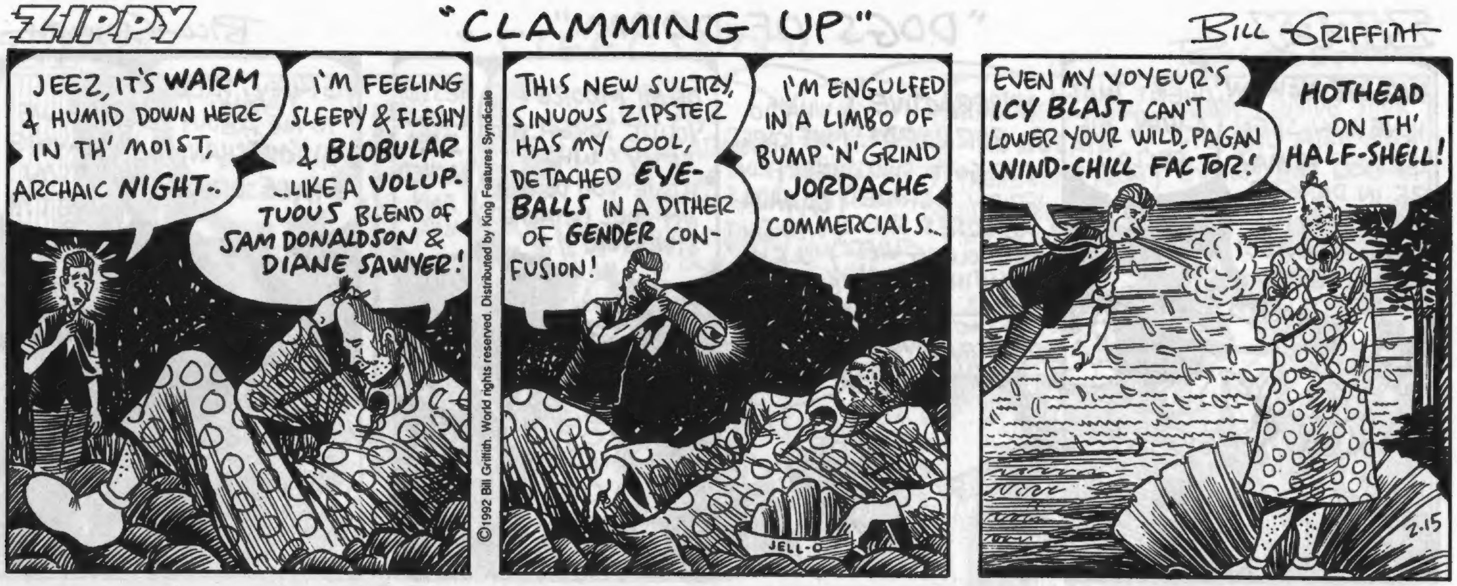
WHENEVER YOU'RE READY, WE'LL BE BEHIND TH' THIRD STALAGTITE ON TH' LEFT!
NICE GUY.. ..A TAD ON TH' KINKY SIDE..
GRAB YOUR BOXERS! ..THAT WAS TH' MARQUIS DE SADE!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"CLAMMING UP"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ, IT'S WARM & HUMID DOWN HERE IN TH' MOIST, ARCHAIC NIGHT..
I'M FEELING SLEEPY & FLESHY & BLOBULAR ..LIKE A VOLUPTUOUS BLEND OF SAM DONALDSON & DIANE SAWYER!
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THIS NEW SULTRY, SINUOUS ZIPSTER HAS MY COOL, DETACHED EYEBALLS IN A DITHER OF GENDER CONFUSION!
I'M ENGULFED IN A LIMBO OF BUMP 'N' GRIND JORDACHE COMMERCIALS..
JELL-O
EVEN MY VOYEUR'S ICY BLAST CAN'T LOWER YOUR WILD, PAGAN WIND-CHILL FACTOR!
HOTHEAD ON TH' HALF-SHELL!
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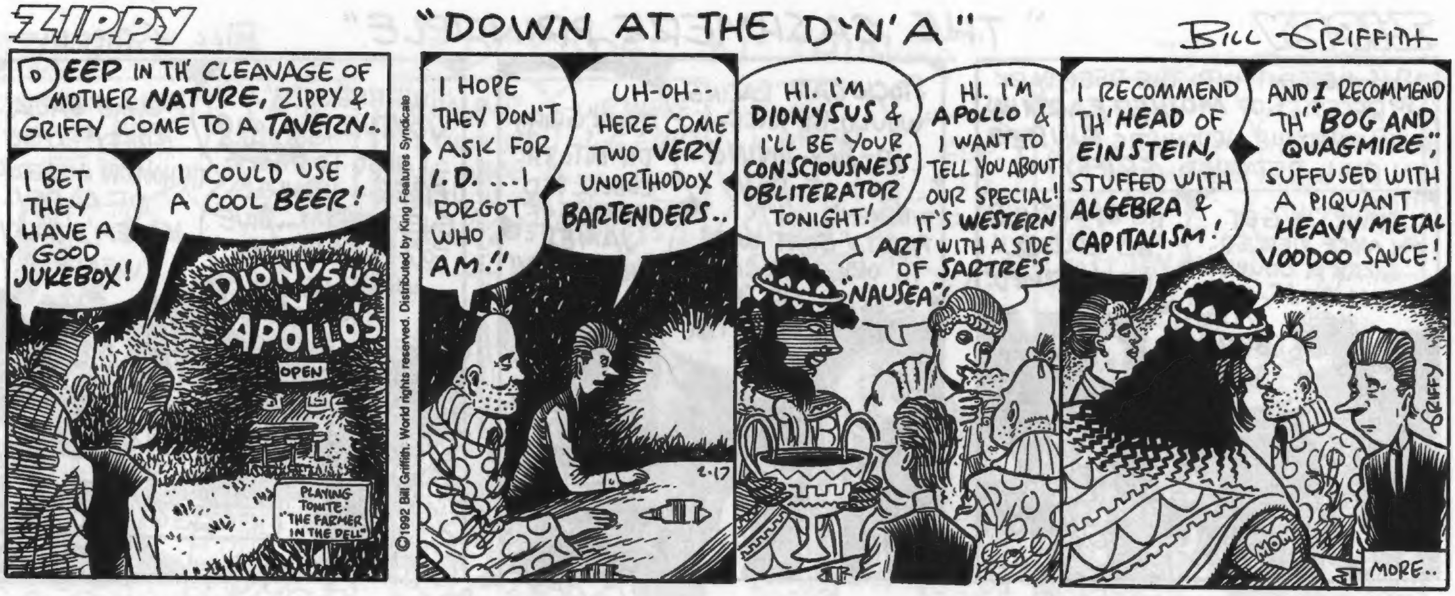
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"DOWN AT THE D'N'A"
BILL GRIFFITH
DEEP IN TH' CLEAVAGE OF MOTHER NATURE, ZIPPY & GRIFFY COME TO A TAVERN..
I BET THEY HAVE A GOOD JUKEBOX!
I COULD USE A COOL BEER!
DIONYSUS 'N' APOLLO'S
OPEN
PLAYING TONITE: "THE FARMER IN THE DELL"
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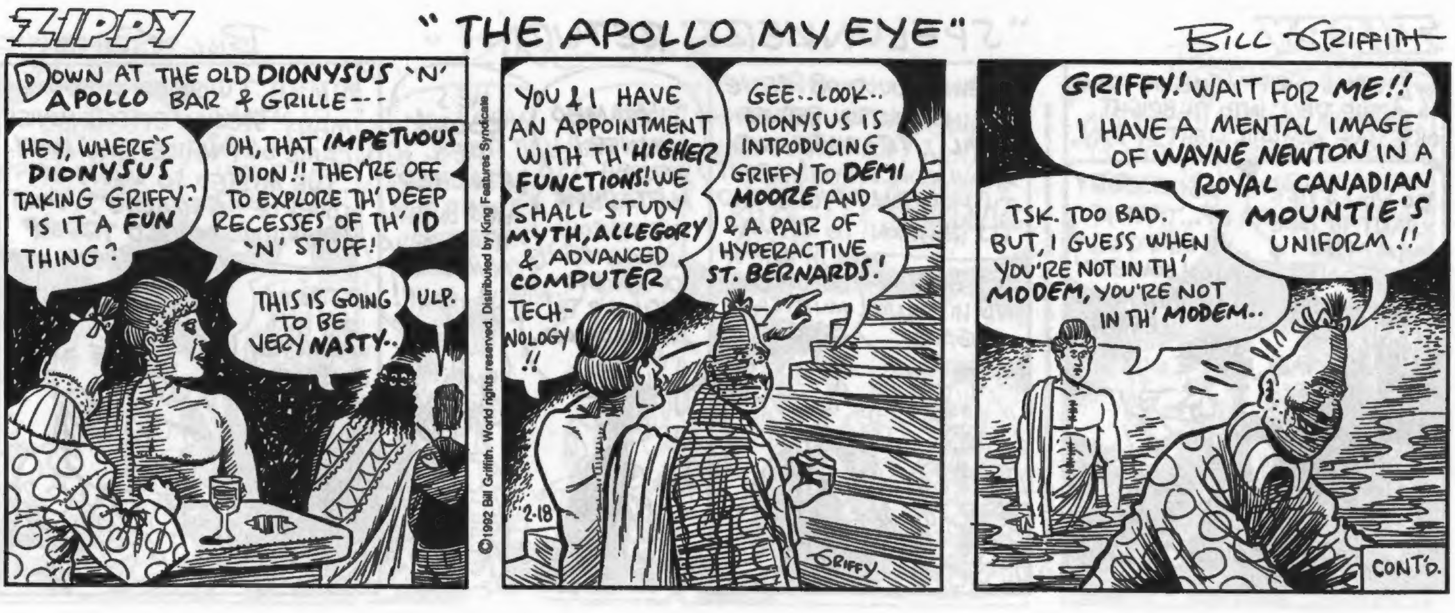
I HOPE THEY DON'T ASK FOR I.D. ...I FORGOT WHO I AM!!
UH-OH-- HERE COME TWO VERY UNORTHODOX BARTENDERS..
2-17
HI. I'M DIONYSUS & I'LL BE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS OBLITERATOR TONIGHT!
HI. I'M APOLLO & I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR SPECIAL! IT'S WESTERN ART WITH A SIDE OF SARTRE'S "NAUSEA"!
I RECOMMEND TH' HEAD OF EINSTEIN, STUFFED WITH ALGEBRA & CAPITALISM!
AND I RECOMMEND TH' "BOG AND QUAGMIRE", SUFFUSED WITH A PIQUANT HEAVY METAL VOODOO SAUCE!
MOM
GRIFFY
MORE..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"THE APOLLO MY EYE"
BILL GRIFFITH
DOWN AT THE OLD DIONYSUS 'N' APOLLO BAR & GRILLE---
HEY, WHERE'S DIONYSUS TAKING GRIFFY? IS IT A FUN THING?
OH, THAT IMPETUOUS DION!! THEY'RE OFF TO EXPLORE TH' DEEP RECESSES OF TH' ID 'N' STUFF!
THIS IS GOING TO BE VERY NASTY..
ULP.
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YOU & I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH TH' HIGHER FUNCTIONS! WE SHALL STUDY MYTH, ALLEGORY & ADVANCED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY!!
GEE..LOOK.. DIONYSUS IS INTRODUCING GRIFFY TO DEMI MOORE AND & A PAIR OF HYPERACTIVE ST. BERNARDS!
2-18
GRIFFY
GRIFFY! WAIT FOR ME!! I HAVE A MENTAL IMAGE OF WAYNE NEWTON IN A ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTIE'S UNIFORM!!
TSK. TOO BAD. BUT, I GUESS WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN TH' MODEM, YOU'RE NOT IN TH' MODEM..
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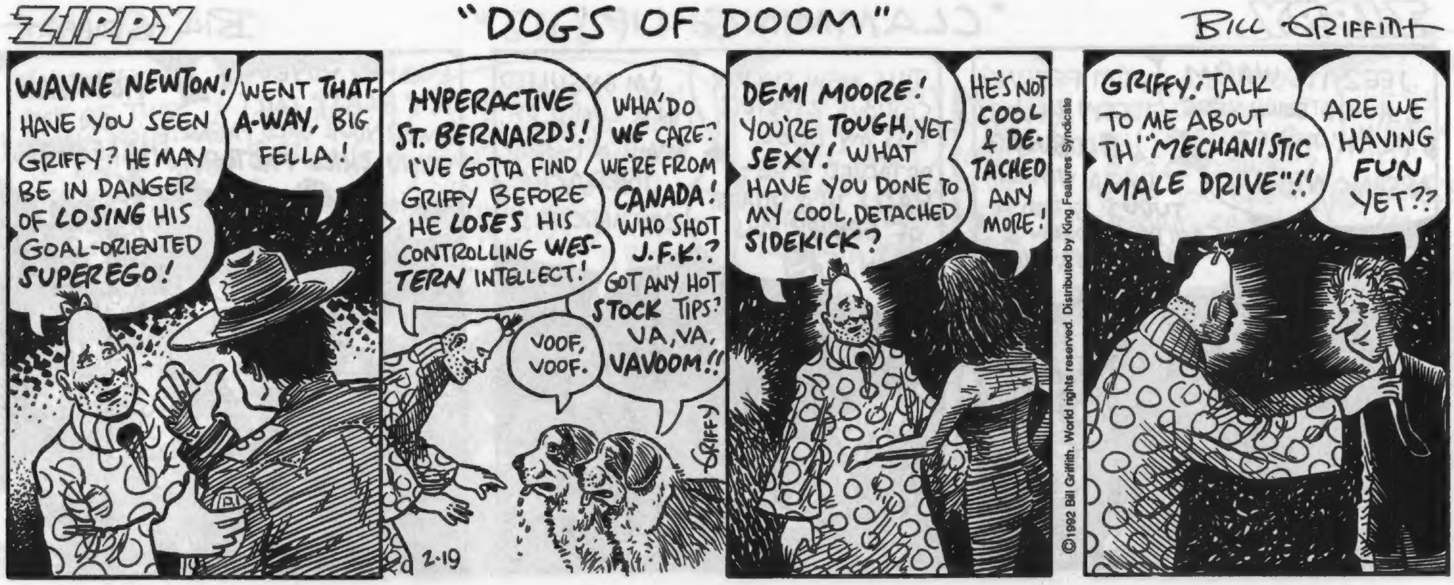
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"DOGS OF DOOM"
BILL GRIFFITH
WAYNE NEWTON! HAVE YOU SEEN GRIFFY? HE MAY BE IN DANGER OF LOSING HIS GOAL-ORIENTED SUPEREGO!
WENT THAT-A-WAY, BIG FELLA!
HYPERACTIVE ST. BERNARDS! I'VE GOTTA FIND GRIFFY BEFORE HE LOSES HIS CONTROLLING WESTERN INTELLECT!
WHA'DO WE CARE? WE'RE FROM CANADA! WHO SHOT J.F.K.? GOT ANY HOT STOCK TIPS? VA, VA, VAVOOM!!
VOOF, VOOF.
GRIFFY
2-19
DEMI MOORE! YOU'RE TOUGH, YET SEXY! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY COOL, DETACHED SIDEKICK?
HE'S NOT COOL & DETACHED ANY MORE!
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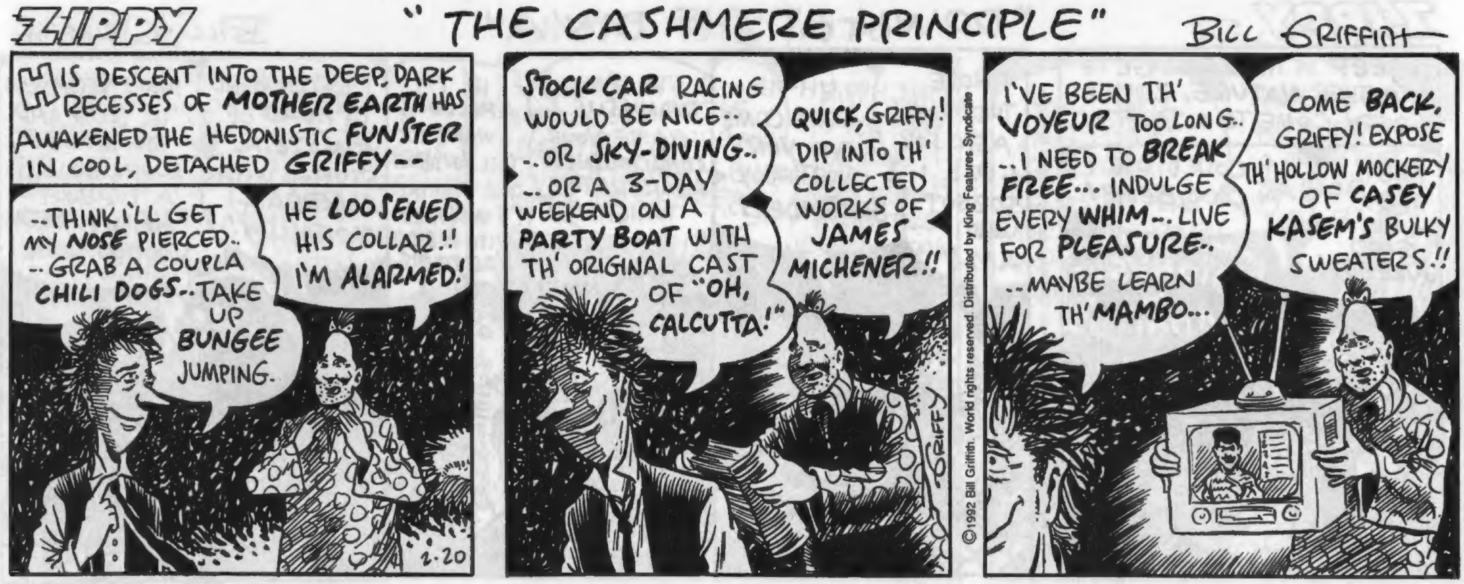
GRIFFY! TALK TO ME ABOUT TH' "MECHANISTIC MALE DRIVE"!!
ARE WE HAVING FUN YET??


ZIPPY
"THE CASHMERE PRINCIPLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
HIS DESCENT INTO THE DEEP, DARK RECESSES OF MOTHER EARTH HAS AWAKENED THE HEDONISTIC FUNSTER IN COOL, DETACHED GRIFFY--
--THINK I'LL GET MY NOSE PIERCED.. --GRAB A COUPLA CHILI DOGS.. TAKE UP BUNGEE JUMPING.
HE LOOSENED HIS COLLAR!! I'M ALARMED!
2-20
STOCK CAR RACING WOULD BE NICE.. ..OR SKY-DIVING.. ..OR A 3-DAY WEEKEND ON A PARTY BOAT WITH TH' ORIGINAL CAST OF "OH, CALCUTTA!"
QUICK, GRIFFY! DIP INTO TH' COLLECTED WORKS OF JAMES MICHENER!!
GRIFFY
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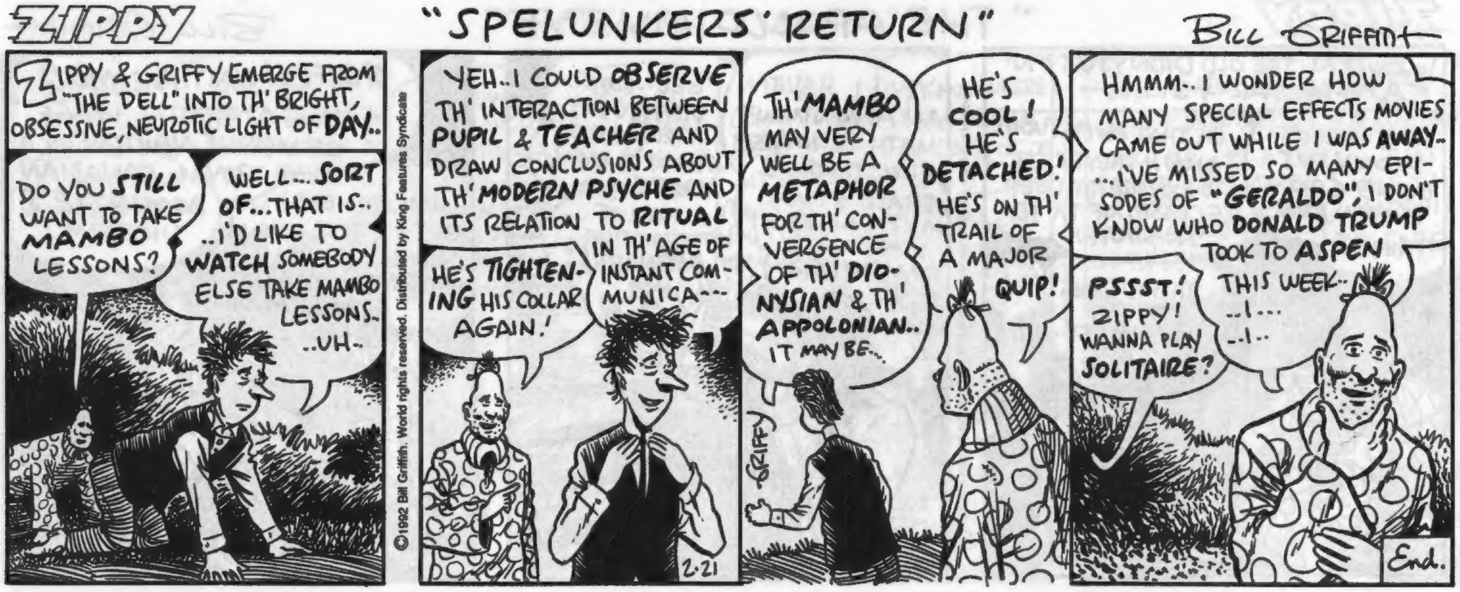
I'VE BEEN TH' VOYEUR TOO LONG.. ..I NEED TO BREAK FREE... INDULGE EVERY WHIM... LIVE FOR PLEASURE.. ..MAYBE LEARN TH' MAMBO...
COME BACK, GRIFFY! EXPOSE TH' HOLLOW MOCKERY OF CASEY KASEM'S BULKY SWEATERS!!


ZIPPY
"SPELUNKERS' RETURN"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & GRIFFY EMERGE FROM "THE DELL" INTO TH' BRIGHT, OBSESSIVE, NEUROTIC LIGHT OF DAY..
DO YOU STILL WANT TO TAKE MAMBO LESSONS?
WELL... SORT OF... THAT IS.. ..I'D LIKE TO WATCH SOMEBODY ELSE TAKE MAMBO LESSONS.. ..UH..
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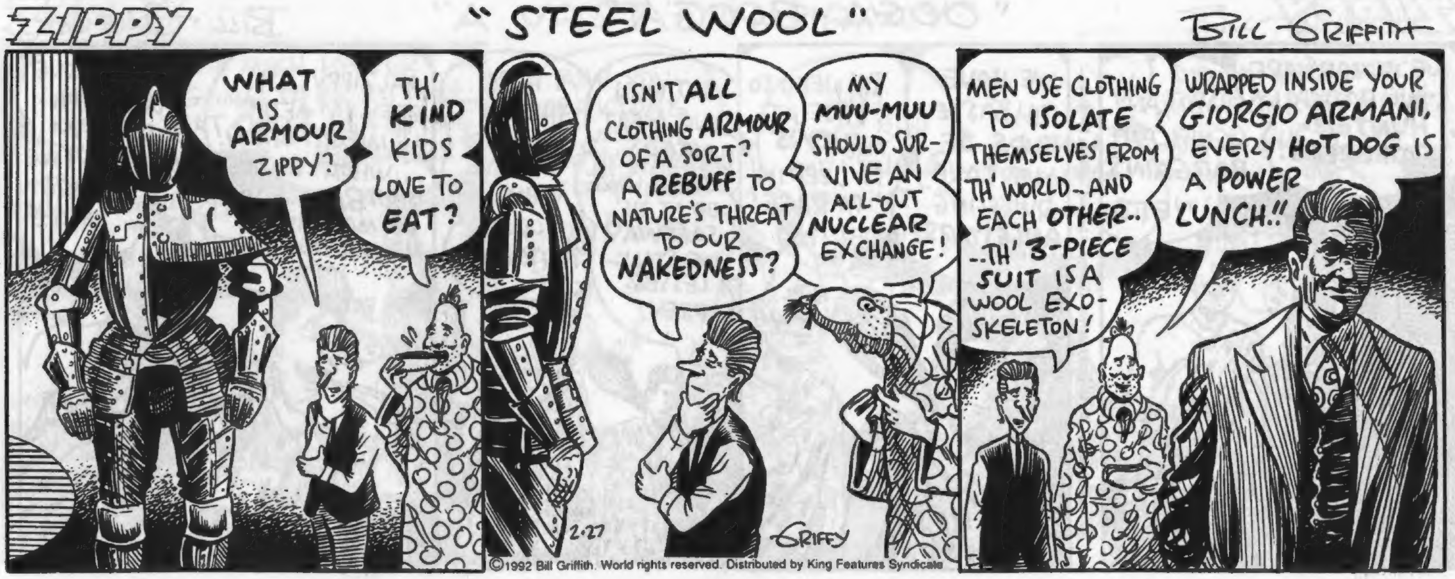
YEH..I COULD OBSERVE TH' INTERACTION BETWEEN PUPIL & TEACHER AND DRAW CONCLUSIONS ABOUT TH' MODERN PSYCHE AND ITS RELATION TO RITUAL IN TH' AGE OF INSTANT COMMUNICA---
HE'S TIGHTENING HIS COLLAR AGAIN!
2-21
TH' MAMBO MAY VERY WELL BE A METAPHOR FOR TH' CONVERGENCE OF TH' DIONYSIAN & TH' APPOLONIAN.. IT MAY BE...
HE'S COOL! HE'S DETACHED! HE'S ON TH' TRAIL OF A MAJOR QUIP!
GRIFFY
HMMM.. I WONDER HOW MANY SPECIAL EFFECTS MOVIES CAME OUT WHILE I WAS AWAY.. ..I'VE MISSED SO MANY EPISODES OF "GERALDO", I DON'T KNOW WHO DONALD TRUMP TOOK TO ASPEN THIS WEEK.. ..I... ..I..
PSSST! ZIPPY! WANNA PLAY SOLITAIRE?
End.


ZIPPY
"STEEL WOOL"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT IS ARMOUR ZIPPY?
TH' KIND KIDS LOVE TO EAT?
ISN'T ALL CLOTHING ARMOUR OF A SORT? A REBUFF TO NATURE'S THREAT TO OUR NAKEDNESS?
MY MUU-MUU SHOULD SURVIVE AN ALL-OUT NUCLEAR EXCHANGE!
2-27
GRIFFY
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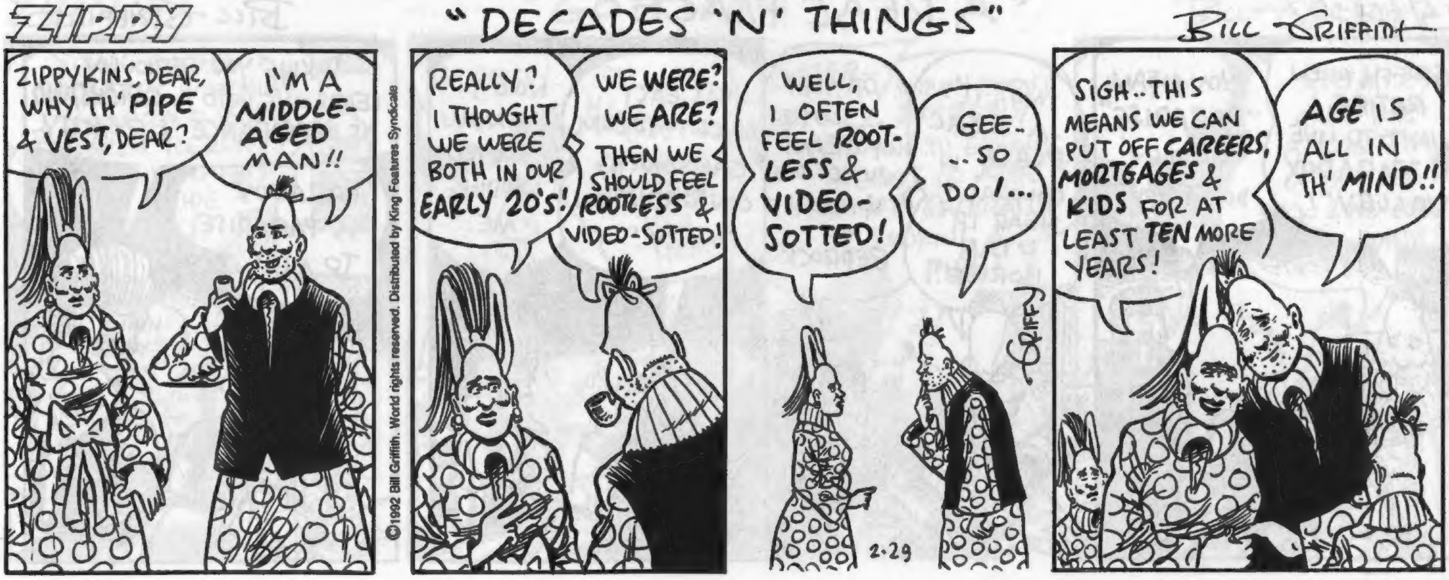
MEN USE CLOTHING TO ISOLATE THEMSELVES FROM TH' WORLD--AND EACH OTHER.. --TH' 3-PIECE SUIT IS A WOOL EXO-SKELETON!
WRAPPED INSIDE YOUR GIORGIO ARMANI, EVERY HOT DOG IS A POWER LUNCH!!


ZIPPY
"DECADES 'N' THINGS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPYKINS, DEAR, WHY TH' PIPE & VEST, DEAR?
I'M A MIDDLE-AGED MAN!!
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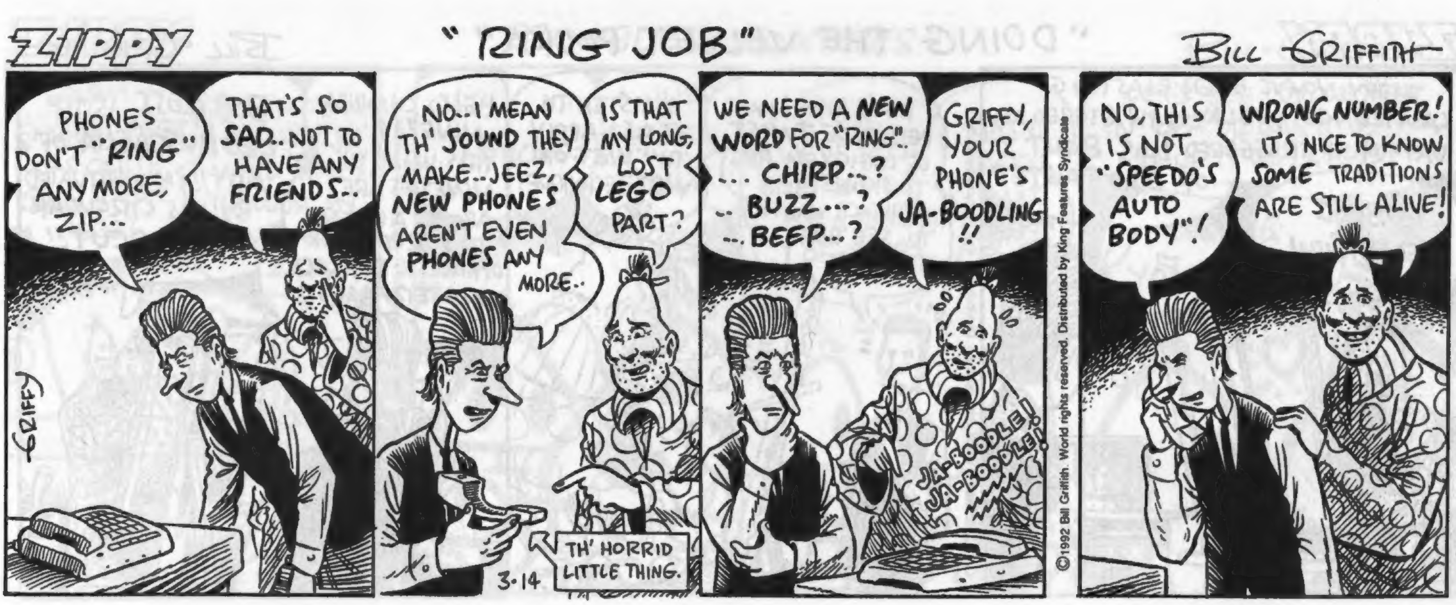
REALLY? I THOUGHT WE WERE BOTH IN OUR EARLY 20'S!
WE WERE? WE ARE? THEN WE SHOULD FEEL ROOTLESS & VIDEO-SOTTED!
WELL, I OFTEN FEEL ROOTLESS & VIDEO-SOTTED!
GEE.. ..SO DO I...
GRIFFY
2-29
SIGH..THIS MEANS WE CAN PUT OFF CAREERS, MORTGAGES & KIDS FOR AT LEAST TEN MORE YEARS!
AGE IS ALL IN TH' MIND!!


ZIPPY
"RING JOB"
BILL GRIFFITH
PHONES DON'T "RING" ANY MORE, ZIP...
THAT'S SO SAD.. NOT TO HAVE ANY FRIENDS..
GRIFFY
NO..I MEAN TH' SOUND THEY MAKE..JEEZ, NEW PHONES AREN'T EVEN PHONES ANY MORE..
IS THAT MY LONG, LOST LEGO PART?
TH' HORRID LITTLE THING.
3-14
WE NEED A NEW WORD FOR "RING".. ...CHIRP...? ..BUZZ...? ...BEEP...?
GRIFFY, YOUR PHONE'S JA-BOODLING!!
JA-BOODLE! JA-BOODLE!
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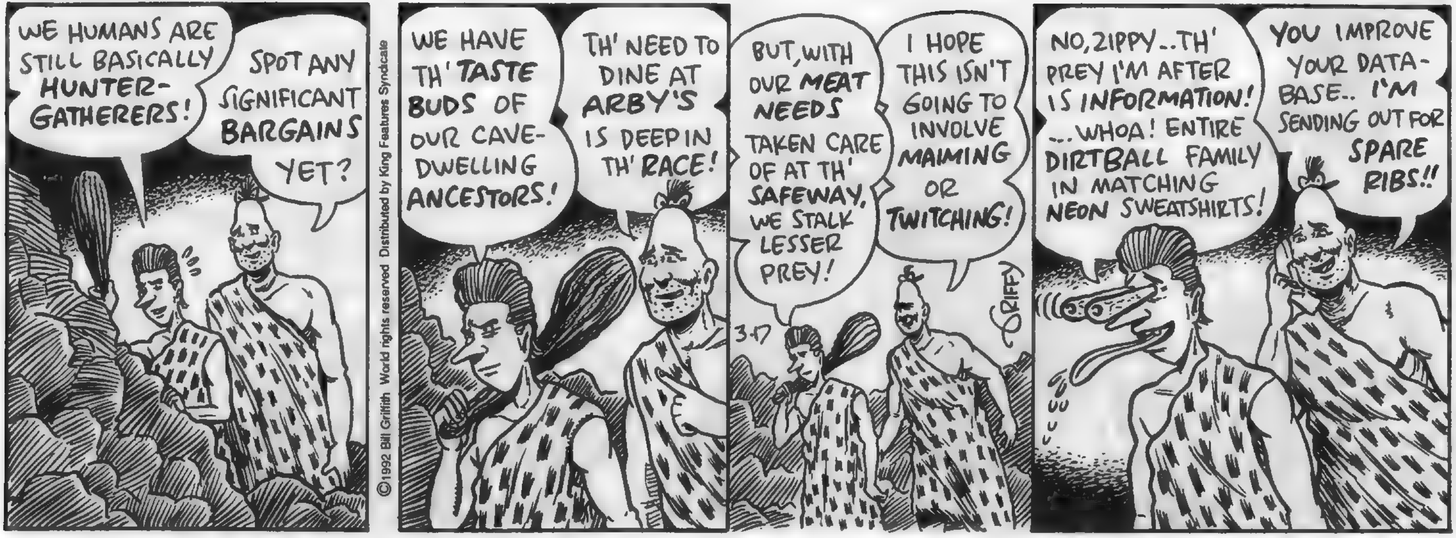
NO, THIS IS NOT "SPEEDO'S AUTO BODY"!
WRONG NUMBER! IT'S NICE TO KNOW SOME TRADITIONS ARE STILL ALIVE!

ZIPPY "OOGA-BOOGA"

BILL GRIFFITH


WE HUMANS ARE STILL BASICALLY HUNTER-GATHERERS!
SPOT ANY SIGNIFICANT BARGAINS YET?
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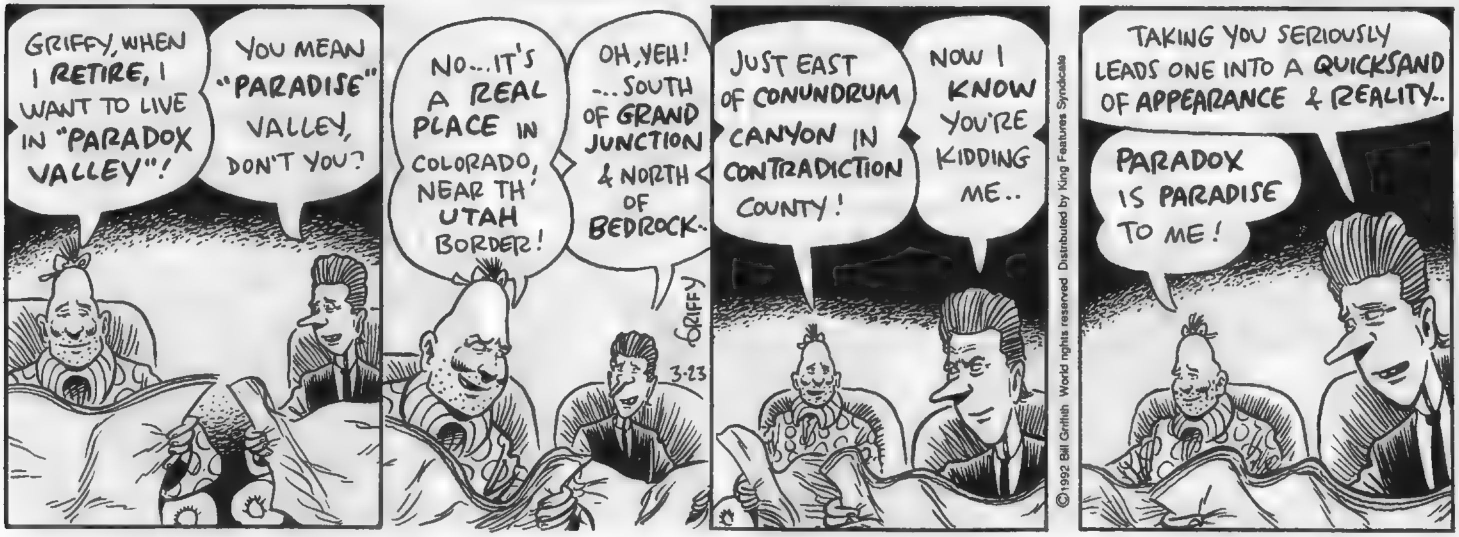
WE HAVE TH' TASTE BUDS OF OUR CAVE-DWELLING ANCESTORS!
TH' NEED TO DINE AT ARBY'S IS DEEP IN TH' RACE!
BUT, WITH OUR MEAT NEEDS TAKEN CARE OF AT TH' SAFEWAY, WE STALK LESSER PREY!
I HOPE THIS ISN'T GOING TO INVOLVE MAIMING OR TWITCHING!
3-17
GRIFFY
NO, ZIPPY.. TH' PREY I'M AFTER IS INFORMATION! ...WHOA! ENTIRE DIRTBALL FAMILY IN MATCHING NEON SWEATSHIRTS!
YOU IMPROVE YOUR DATA-BASE.. I'M SENDING OUT FOR SPARE RIBS!!

ZIPPY "A REAL PLACE"

BILL GRIFFITH


GRIFFY, WHEN I RETIRE, I WANT TO LIVE IN "PARADOX VALLEY"!
YOU MEAN "PARADISE" VALLEY, DON'T YOU?
NO... IT'S A REAL PLACE IN COLORADO, NEAR TH' UTAH BORDER!
OH, YEH! ... SOUTH OF GRAND JUNCTION & NORTH OF BEDROCK..
GRIFFY
3-23
JUST EAST OF CONUNDRUM CANYON IN CONTRADICTION COUNTY!
NOW I KNOW YOU'RE KIDDING ME..
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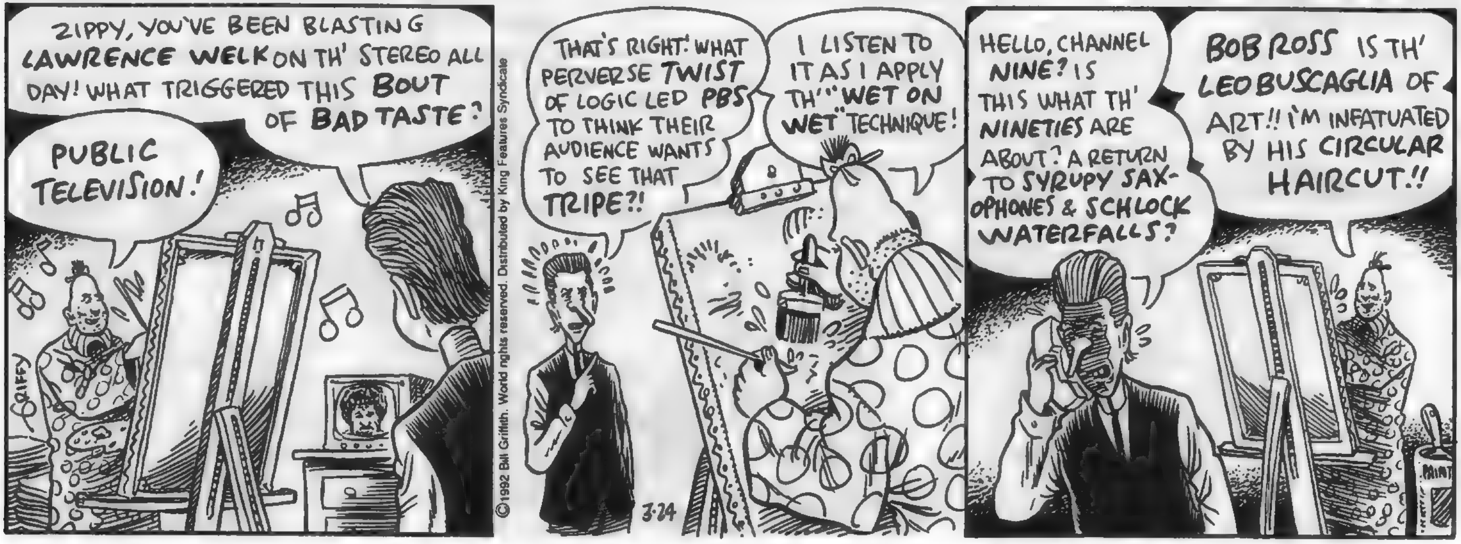
TAKING YOU SERIOUSLY LEADS ONE INTO A QUICKSAND OF APPEARANCE & REALITY..
PARADOX IS PARADISE TO ME!

ZIPPY "DOING THE VELVET POLKA"

BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY, YOU'VE BEEN BLASTING LAWRENCE WELK ON TH' STEREO ALL DAY! WHAT TRIGGERED THIS BOUT OF BAD TASTE?
PUBLIC TELEVISION!
GRIFFY
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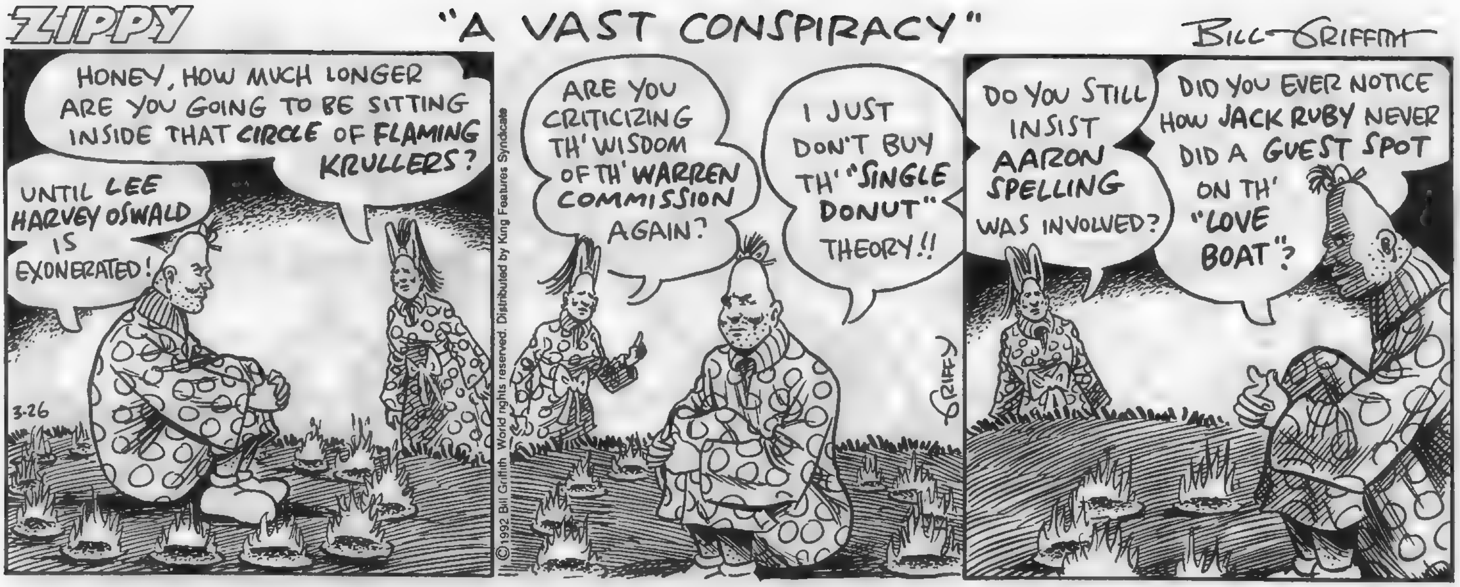
THAT'S RIGHT! WHAT PERVERSE TWIST OF LOGIC LED PBS TO THINK THEIR AUDIENCE WANTS TO SEE THAT TRIPE?!
I LISTEN TO IT AS I APPLY TH' "WET ON WET" TECHNIQUE!
3-24
HELLO, CHANNEL NINE? IS THIS WHAT TH' NINETIES ARE ABOUT? A RETURN TO SYRUPY SAXOPHONES & SCHLOCK WATERFALLS?
BOB ROSS IS TH' LEO BUSCAGLIA OF ART!! I'M INFATUATED BY HIS CIRCULAR HAIRCUT!!
PAINT


ZIPPY
"A VAST CONSPIRACY"
BILL GRIFFITH
HONEY, HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GOING TO BE SITTING INSIDE THAT CIRCLE OF FLAMING KRULLERS?
UNTIL LEE HARVEY OSWALD IS EXONERATED!
3-26
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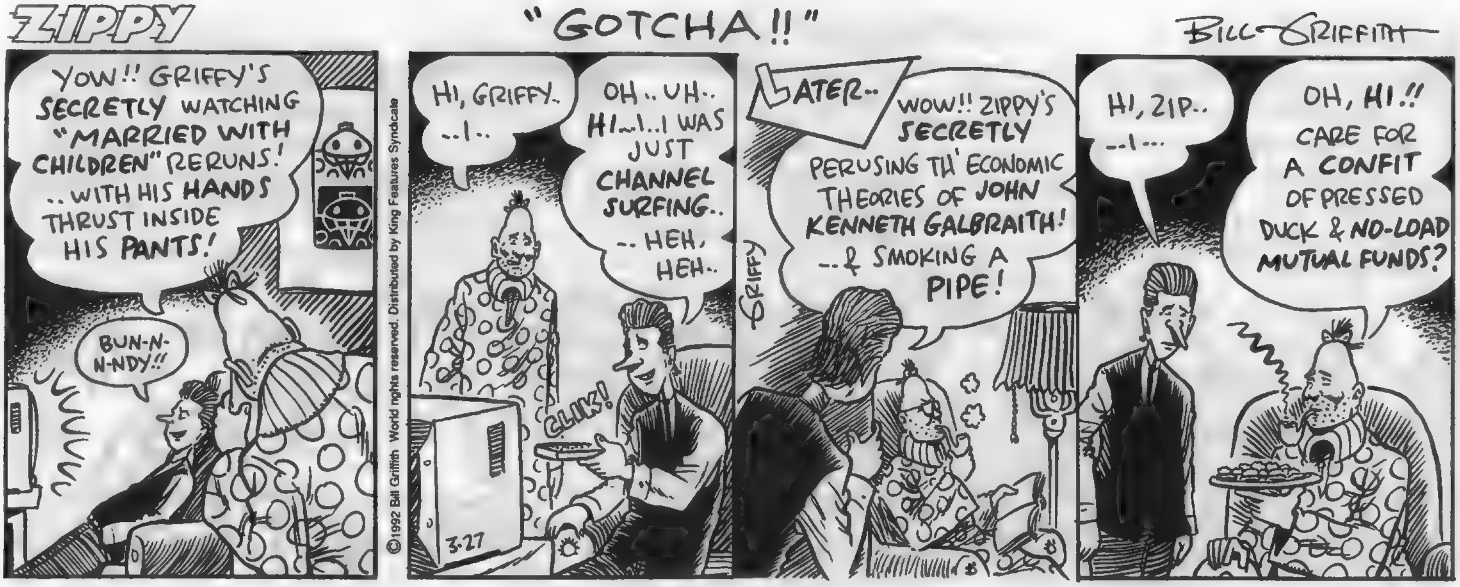
ARE YOU CRITICIZING TH' WISDOM OF TH' WARREN COMMISSION AGAIN?
I JUST DON'T BUY TH' "SINGLE DONUT" THEORY!!
GRIFFY
DO YOU STILL INSIST AARON SPELLING WAS INVOLVED?
DID YOU EVER NOTICE HOW JACK RUBY NEVER DID A GUEST SPOT ON TH' "LOVE BOAT"?


ZIPPY
"GOTCHA!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOW!! GRIFFY'S SECRETLY WATCHING "MARRIED WITH CHILDREN" RERUNS! ..WITH HIS HANDS THRUST INSIDE HIS PANTS!
BUN-N-N-NDY!!
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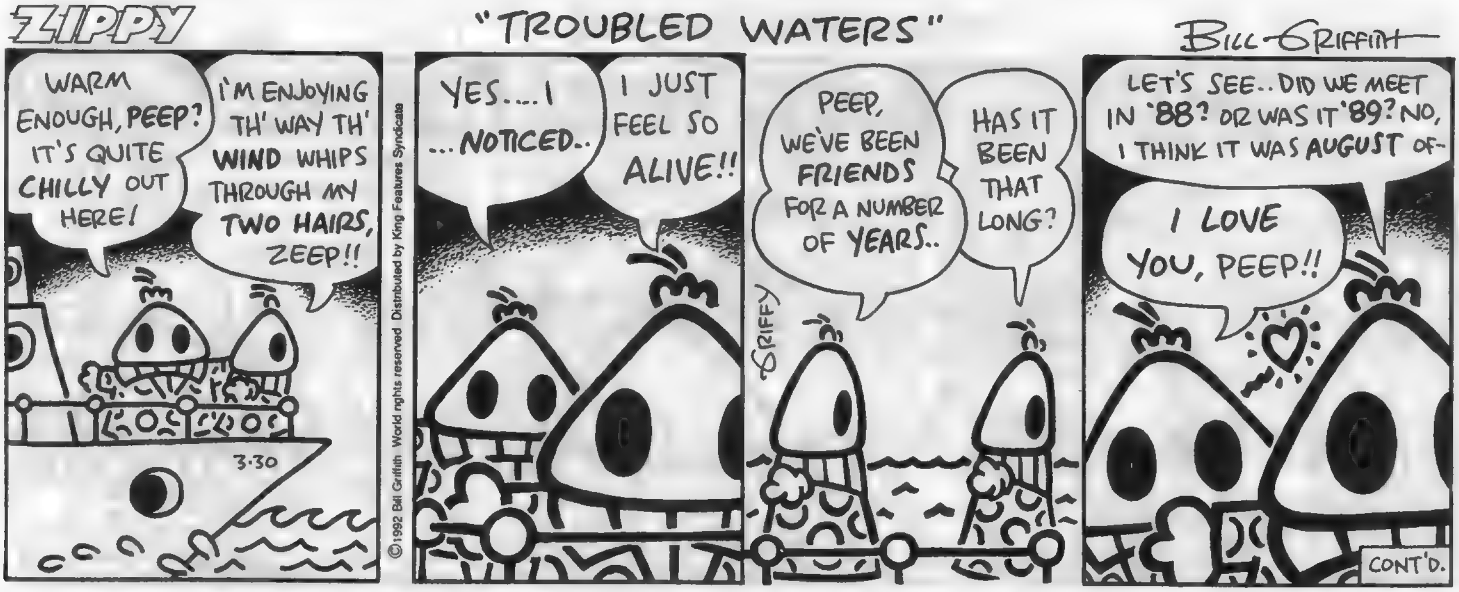
HI, GRIFFY.. ..I..
OH.. UH.. HI..I..I WAS JUST CHANNEL SURFING.. --HEH, HEH..
CLIK!
3-27
LATER..
GRIFFY
WOW!! ZIPPY'S SECRETLY PERUSING TH' ECONOMIC THEORIES OF JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH! ..& SMOKING A PIPE!
HI, ZIP.. --I--
OH, HI.!! CARE FOR A CONFIT OF PRESSED DUCK & NO-LOAD MUTUAL FUNDS?


ZIPPY
"TROUBLED WATERS"
BILL GRIFFITH
WARM ENOUGH, PEEP? IT'S QUITE CHILLY OUT HERE!
I'M ENJOYING TH' WAY TH' WIND WHIPS THROUGH MY TWO HAIRS, ZEEP!!
3-30
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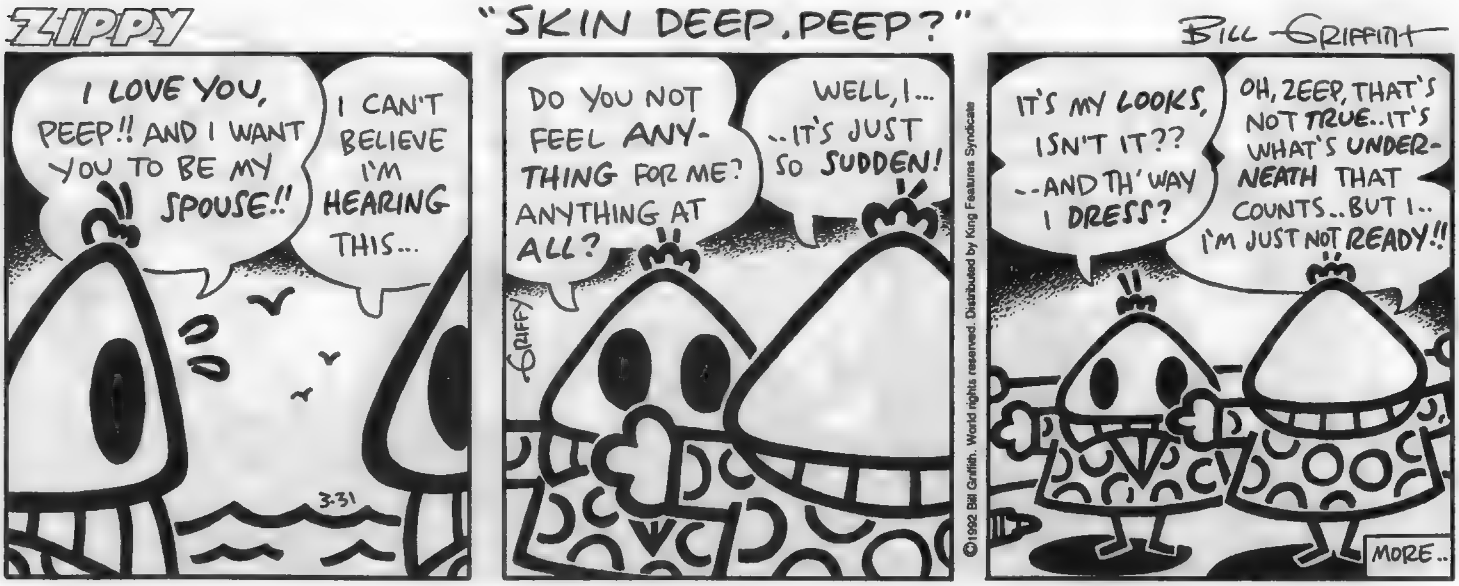
YES....I ...NOTICED..
I JUST FEEL SO ALIVE!!
GRIFFY
PEEP, WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS..
HAS IT BEEN THAT LONG?
LET'S SEE..DID WE MEET IN '88? OR WAS IT '89? NO, I THINK IT WAS AUGUST OF-
I LOVE YOU, PEEP!!
CONT'D.


ZIPPY
"SKIN DEEP, PEEP?"
BILL GRIFFITH
I LOVE YOU, PEEP!! AND I WANT YOU TO BE MY SPOUSE!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HEARING THIS...
3-31
DO YOU NOT FEEL ANYTHING FOR ME? ANYTHING AT ALL?
WELL, I... ..IT'S JUST SO SUDDEN!
GRIFFY
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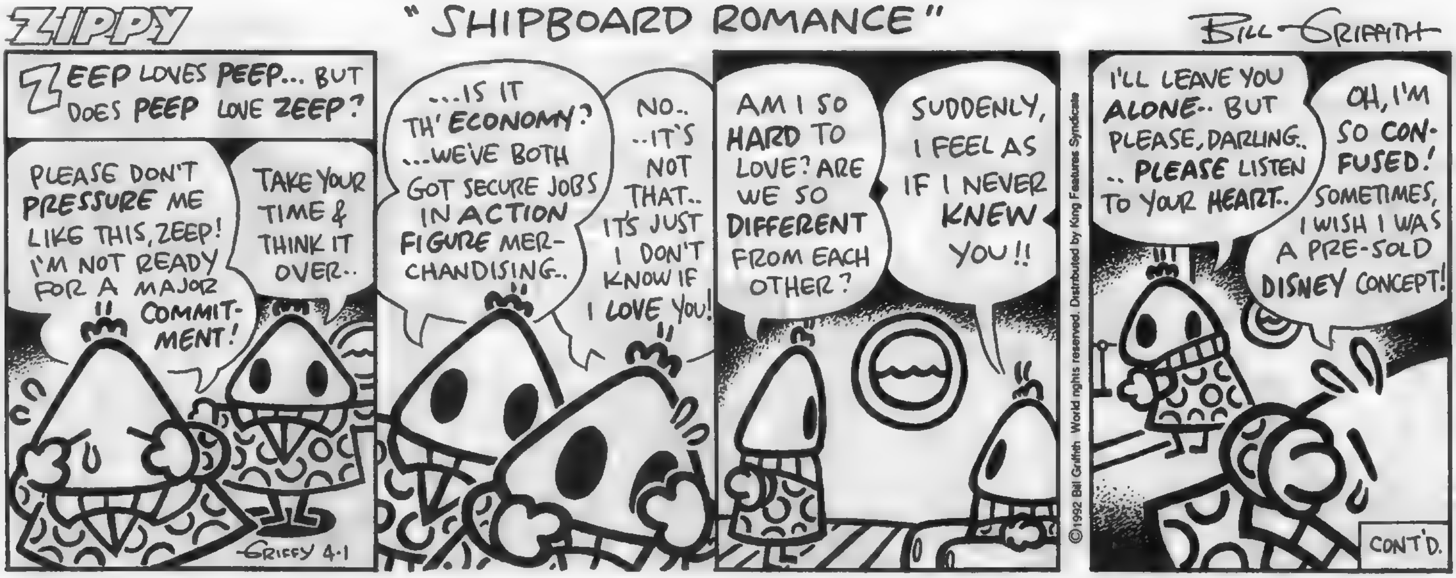
IT'S MY LOOKS, ISN'T IT?? --AND TH' WAY I DRESS?
OH, ZEEP, THAT'S NOT TRUE..IT'S WHAT'S UNDERNEATH THAT COUNTS..BUT I.. I'M JUST NOT READY!!
MORE..


ZIPPY
"SHIPBOARD ROMANCE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZEEP LOVES PEEP... BUT DOES PEEP LOVE ZEEP?
PLEASE DON'T PRESSURE ME LIKE THIS, ZEEP! I'M NOT READY FOR A MAJOR COMMITMENT!
TAKE YOUR TIME & THINK IT OVER..
GRIFFY 4-1
...IS IT TH' ECONOMY? ...WE'VE BOTH GOT SECURE JOBS IN ACTION FIGURE MERCHANDISING..
NO.. ..IT'S NOT THAT.. IT'S JUST I DON'T KNOW IF I LOVE YOU!
AM I SO HARD TO LOVE? ARE WE SO DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER?
SUDDENLY, I FEEL AS IF I NEVER KNEW YOU!!
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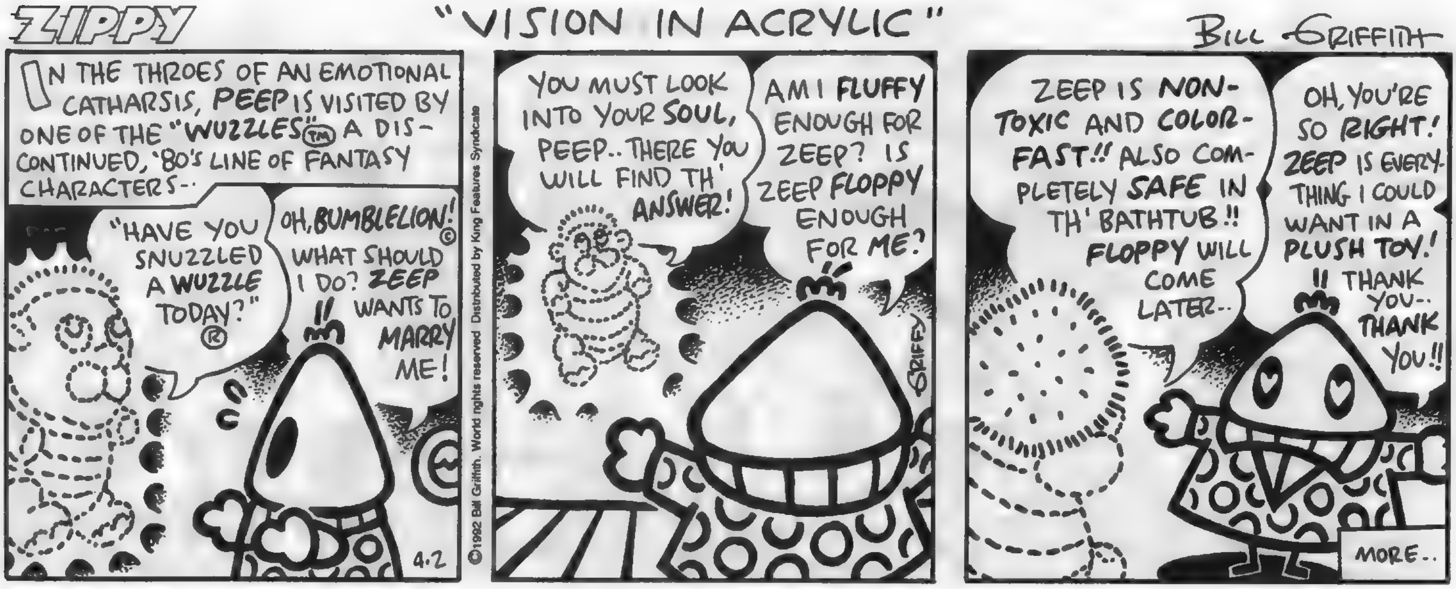
I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE.. BUT PLEASE, DARLING.. ..PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR HEART..
OH, I'M SO CONFUSED! SOMETIMES, I WISH I WAS A PRE-SOLD DISNEY CONCEPT!
CONT'D.


ZIPPY
"VISION IN ACRYLIC"
BILL GRIFFITH
IN THE THROES OF AN EMOTIONAL CATHARSIS, PEEP IS VISITED BY ONE OF THE "WUZZLES"™ A DISCONTINUED, '80'S LINE OF FANTASY CHARACTERS..
"HAVE YOU SNUZZLED A WUZZLE TODAY?" ®
OH, BUMBLELION! © WHAT SHOULD I DO? ZEEP WANTS TO MARRY ME!
4-2
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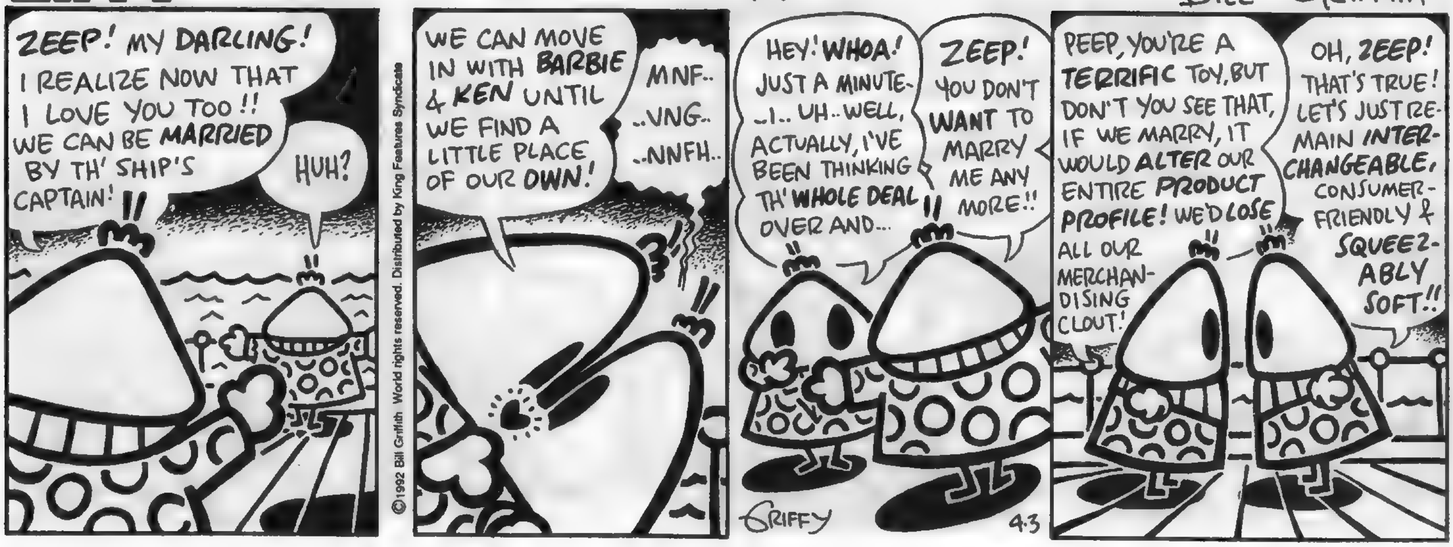
YOU MUST LOOK INTO YOUR SOUL, PEEP.. THERE YOU WILL FIND TH' ANSWER!
AM I FLUFFY ENOUGH FOR ZEEP? IS ZEEP FLOPPY ENOUGH FOR ME?
GRIFFY
ZEEP IS NON-TOXIC AND COLOR-FAST!! ALSO COMPLETELY SAFE IN TH' BATHTUB!! FLOPPY WILL COME LATER..
OH, YOU'RE SO RIGHT! ZEEP IS EVERYTHING I COULD WANT IN A PLUSH TOY! !! THANK YOU.. THANK YOU!!
MORE..

ZIPPY "UP TO THE RAIL"

BILL GRIFFITH


ZEEP! MY DARLING! I REALIZE NOW THAT I LOVE YOU TOO!! WE CAN BE MARRIED BY TH' SHIP'S CAPTAIN!
HUH?
WE CAN MOVE IN WITH BARBIE & KEN UNTIL WE FIND A LITTLE PLACE OF OUR OWN!
MNF.. ..VNG.. ..NNFH..
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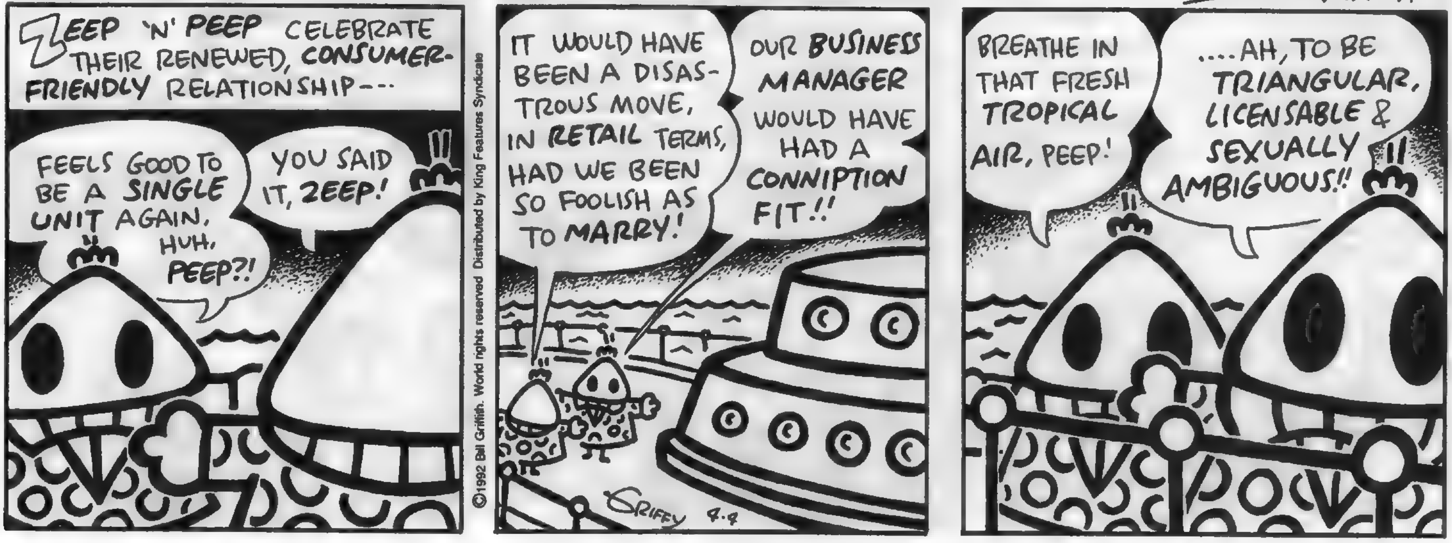
HEY! WHOA! JUST A MINUTE.. ..I.. UH.. WELL, ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN THINKING TH' WHOLE DEAL OVER AND...
ZEEP! YOU DON'T WANT TO MARRY ME ANY MORE!!
GRIFFY
PEEP, YOU'RE A TERRIFIC TOY, BUT DON'T YOU SEE THAT, IF WE MARRY, IT WOULD ALTER OUR ENTIRE PRODUCT PROFILE! WE'D LOSE ALL OUR MERCHANDISING CLOUT!
OH, ZEEP! THAT'S TRUE! LET'S JUST REMAIN INTERCHANGEABLE, CONSUMER-FRIENDLY & SQUEEZABLY SOFT!!
4·3

ZIPPY "ALL THIS AND K-MART TOO"

BILL GRIFFITH


ZEEP 'N' PEEP CELEBRATE THEIR RENEWED, CONSUMER-FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP---
FEELS GOOD TO BE A SINGLE UNIT AGAIN, HUH, PEEP?!
YOU SAID IT, ZEEP!
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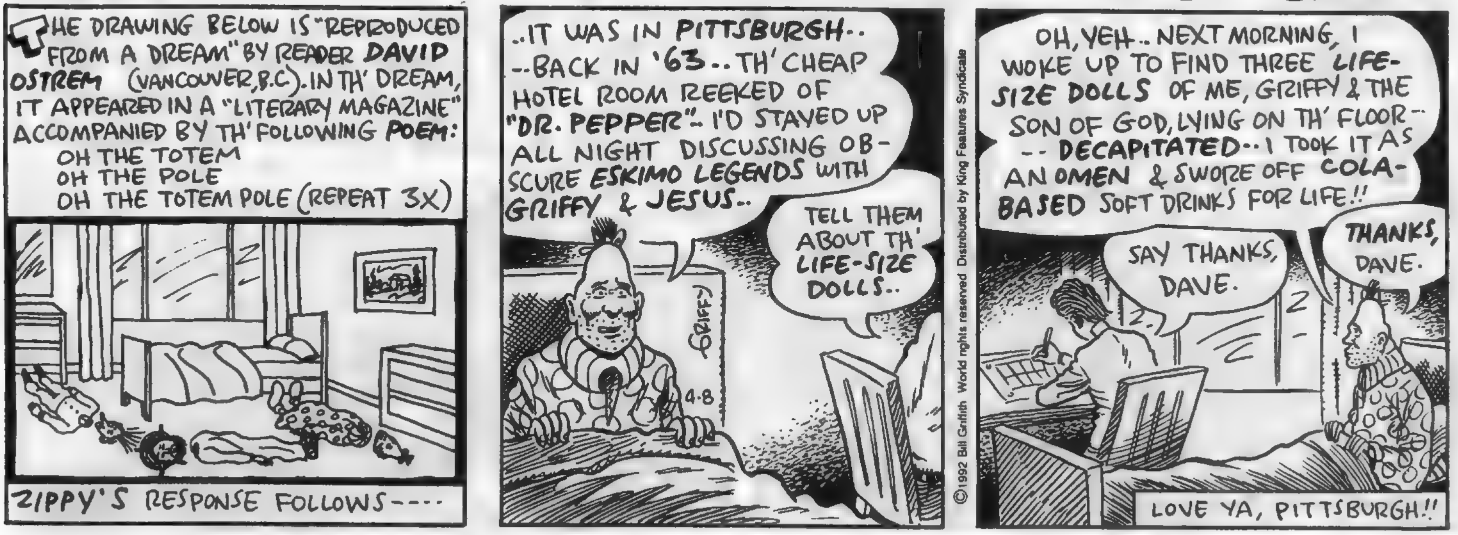
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A DISASTROUS MOVE, IN RETAIL TERMS, HAD WE BEEN SO FOOLISH AS TO MARRY!
OUR BUSINESS MANAGER WOULD HAVE HAD A CONNIPTION FIT!!
GRIFFY 4·4
BREATHE IN THAT FRESH TROPICAL AIR, PEEP!
....AH, TO BE TRIANGULAR, LICENSABLE & SEXUALLY AMBIGUOUS!!

ZIPPY "OUT OF BED EXPERIENCE"

BILL GRIFFITH


THE DRAWING BELOW IS "REPRODUCED FROM A DREAM" BY READER DAVID OSTREM (VANCOUVER, B.C.). IN TH' DREAM, IT APPEARED IN A "LITERARY MAGAZINE" ACCOMPANIED BY TH' FOLLOWING POEM:
OH THE TOTEM
OH THE POLE
OH THE TOTEM POLE (REPEAT 3X)
ZIPPY'S RESPONSE FOLLOWS----
..IT WAS IN PITTSBURGH.. --BACK IN '63.. TH' CHEAP HOTEL ROOM REEKED OF "DR. PEPPER".. I'D STAYED UP ALL NIGHT DISCUSSING OBSCURE ESKIMO LEGENDS WITH GRIFFY & JESUS..
TELL THEM ABOUT TH' LIFE-SIZE DOLLS..
GRIFFY
4·8
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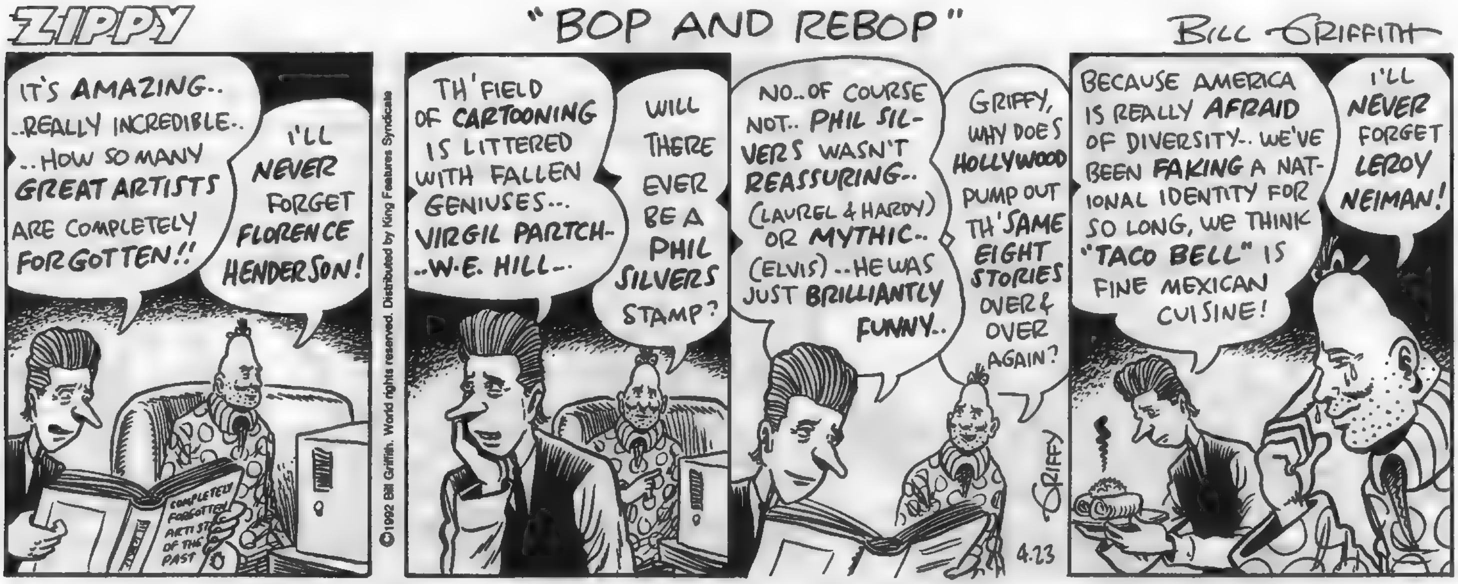
OH, YEH.. NEXT MORNING, I WOKE UP TO FIND THREE LIFE-SIZE DOLLS OF ME, GRIFFY & THE SON OF GOD, LYING ON TH' FLOOR-- --DECAPITATED--I TOOK IT AS AN OMEN & SWORE OFF COLA-BASED SOFT DRINKS FOR LIFE!!
SAY THANKS, DAVE.
THANKS, DAVE.
LOVE YA, PITTSBURGH!!


ZIPPY
"BOP AND REBOP"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S AMAZING.. ..REALLY INCREDIBLE.. ..HOW SO MANY GREAT ARTISTS ARE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN!!
I'LL NEVER FORGET FLORENCE HENDERSON!
COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ARTISTS OF THE PAST
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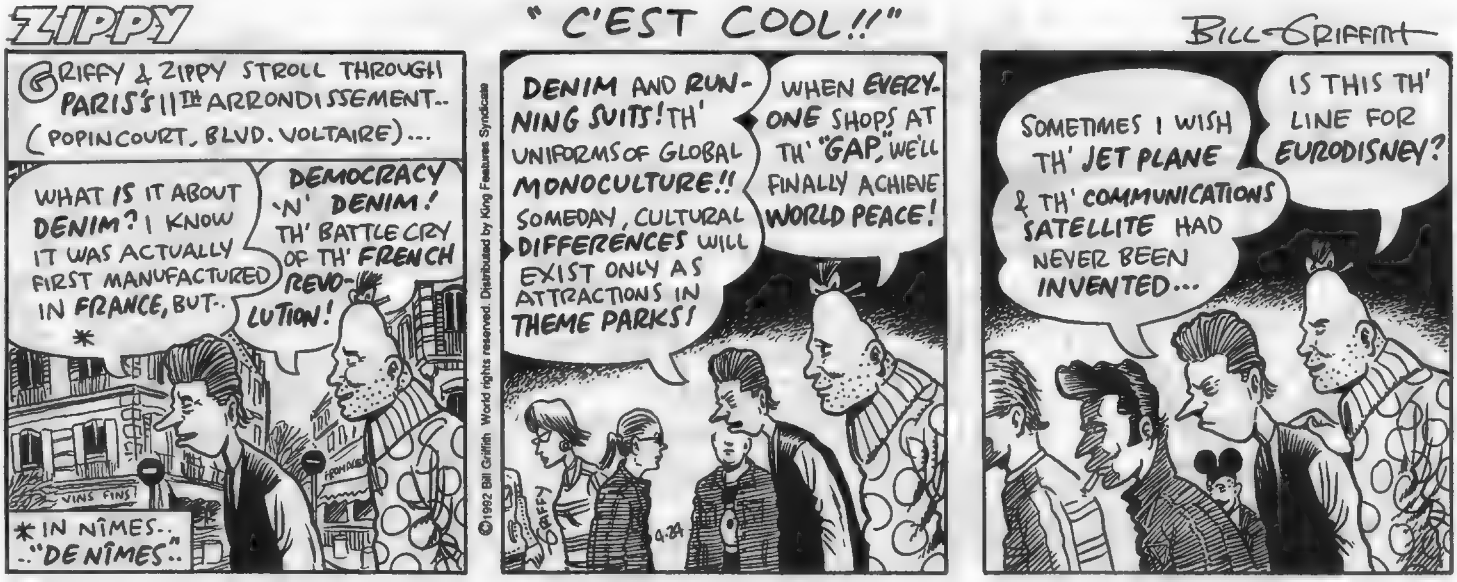
TH' FIELD OF CARTOONING IS LITTERED WITH FALLEN GENIUSES... VIRGIL PARTCH- ..W.E. HILL..
WILL THERE EVER BE A PHIL SILVERS STAMP?
NO.. OF COURSE NOT.. PHIL SILVERS WASN'T REASSURING.. (LAUREL & HARDY) OR MYTHIC.. (ELVIS) ..HE WAS JUST BRILLIANTLY FUNNY..
GRIFFY, WHY DOES HOLLYWOOD PUMP OUT TH' SAME EIGHT STORIES OVER & OVER AGAIN?
GRIFFY
4·23
BECAUSE AMERICA IS REALLY AFRAID OF DIVERSITY.. WE'VE BEEN FAKING A NATIONAL IDENTITY FOR SO LONG, WE THINK "TACO BELL" IS FINE MEXICAN CUISINE!
I'LL NEVER FORGET LEROY NEIMAN!


ZIPPY
"C'EST COOL!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY & ZIPPY STROLL THROUGH PARIS'S 11TH ARRONDISSEMENT.. (POPINCOURT, BLVD. VOLTAIRE)...
WHAT IS IT ABOUT DENIM? I KNOW IT WAS ACTUALLY FIRST MANUFACTURED IN FRANCE, BUT.. *
DEMOCRACY 'N' DENIM! TH' BATTLE CRY OF TH' FRENCH REVOLUTION!
VINS FINS
FROMAGE
* IN NÎMES.. .."DE NÎMES"..
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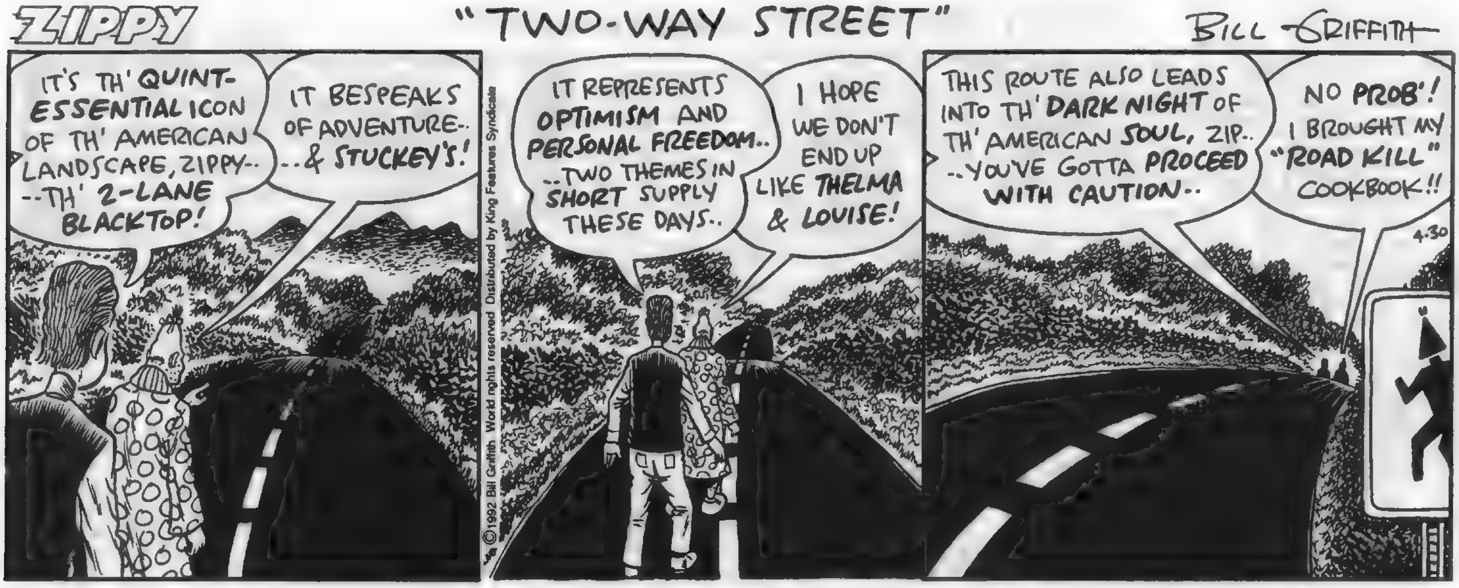
DENIM AND RUNNING SUITS! TH' UNIFORMS OF GLOBAL MONOCULTURE!! SOMEDAY, CULTURAL DIFFERENCES WILL EXIST ONLY AS ATTRACTIONS IN THEME PARKS!
WHEN EVERYONE SHOPS AT TH' "GAP," WE'LL FINALLY ACHIEVE WORLD PEACE!
GRIFFY
4·24
SOMETIMES I WISH TH' JET PLANE & TH' COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE HAD NEVER BEEN INVENTED...
IS THIS TH' LINE FOR EURODISNEY?


ZIPPY
"TWO-WAY STREET"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S TH' QUINTESSENTIAL ICON OF TH' AMERICAN LANDSCAPE, ZIPPY.. --TH' 2-LANE BLACKTOP!
IT BESPEAKS OF ADVENTURE.. ..& STUCKEY'S!
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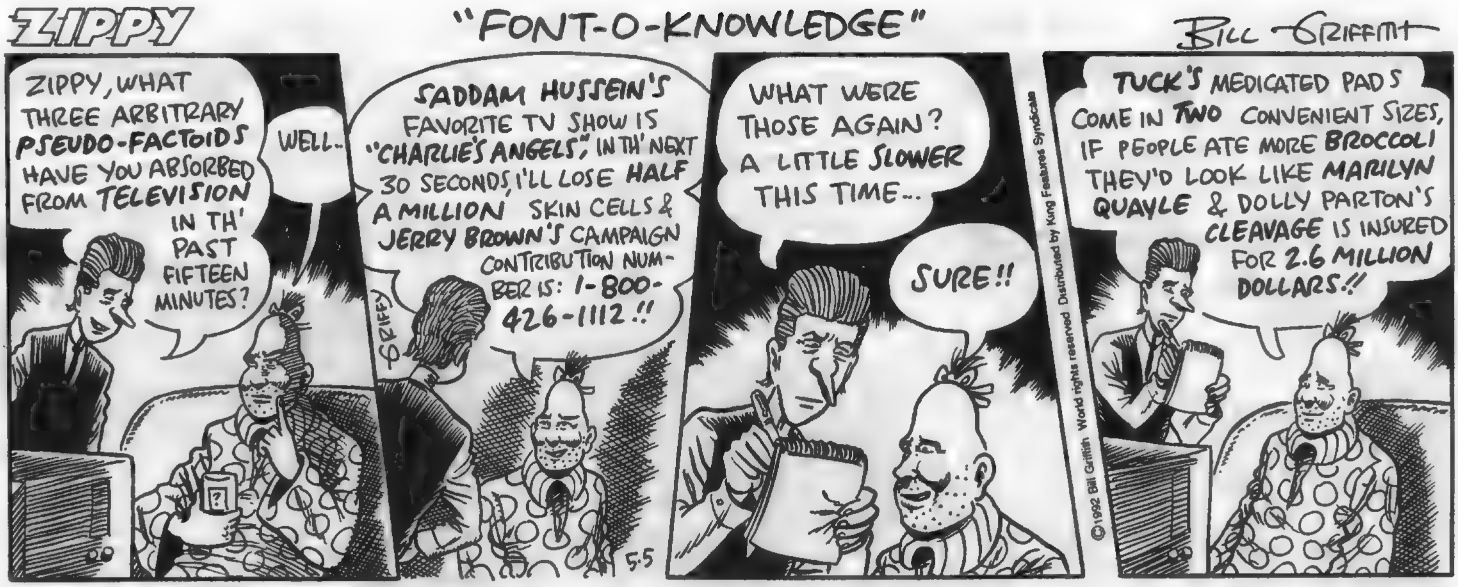
IT REPRESENTS OPTIMISM AND PERSONAL FREEDOM.. ..TWO THEMES IN SHORT SUPPLY THESE DAYS..
I HOPE WE DON'T END UP LIKE THELMA & LOUISE!
THIS ROUTE ALSO LEADS INTO TH' DARK NIGHT OF TH' AMERICAN SOUL, ZIP.. ..YOU'VE GOTTA PROCEED WITH CAUTION..
NO PROB'! I BROUGHT MY "ROAD KILL" COOKBOOK!!
4·30


ZIPPY
"FONT-O-KNOWLEDGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WHAT THREE ARBITRARY PSEUDO-FACTOIDS HAVE YOU ABSORBED FROM TELEVISION IN TH' PAST FIFTEEN MINUTES?
WELL..
SADDAM HUSSEIN'S FAVORITE TV SHOW IS "CHARLIE'S ANGELS," IN TH' NEXT 30 SECONDS, I'LL LOSE HALF A MILLION SKIN CELLS & JERRY BROWN'S CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION NUMBER IS: 1-800-426-1112.!!
GRIFFY
5.5
WHAT WERE THOSE AGAIN? A LITTLE SLOWER THIS TIME..
SURE!!
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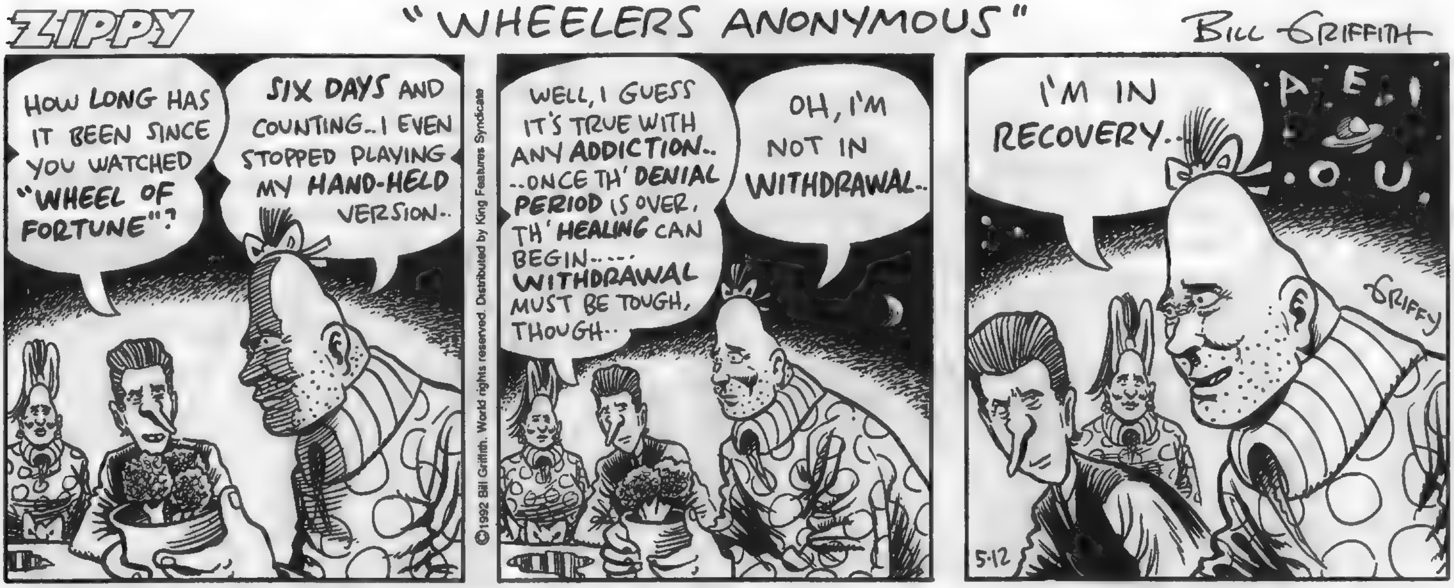
TUCK'S MEDICATED PADS COME IN TWO CONVENIENT SIZES, IF PEOPLE ATE MORE BROCCOLI THEY'D LOOK LIKE MARILYN QUAYLE & DOLLY PARTON'S CLEAVAGE IS INSURED FOR 2.6 MILLION DOLLARS!!


ZIPPY
"WHEELERS ANONYMOUS"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU WATCHED "WHEEL OF FORTUNE"?
SIX DAYS AND COUNTING.. I EVEN STOPPED PLAYING MY HAND-HELD VERSION..
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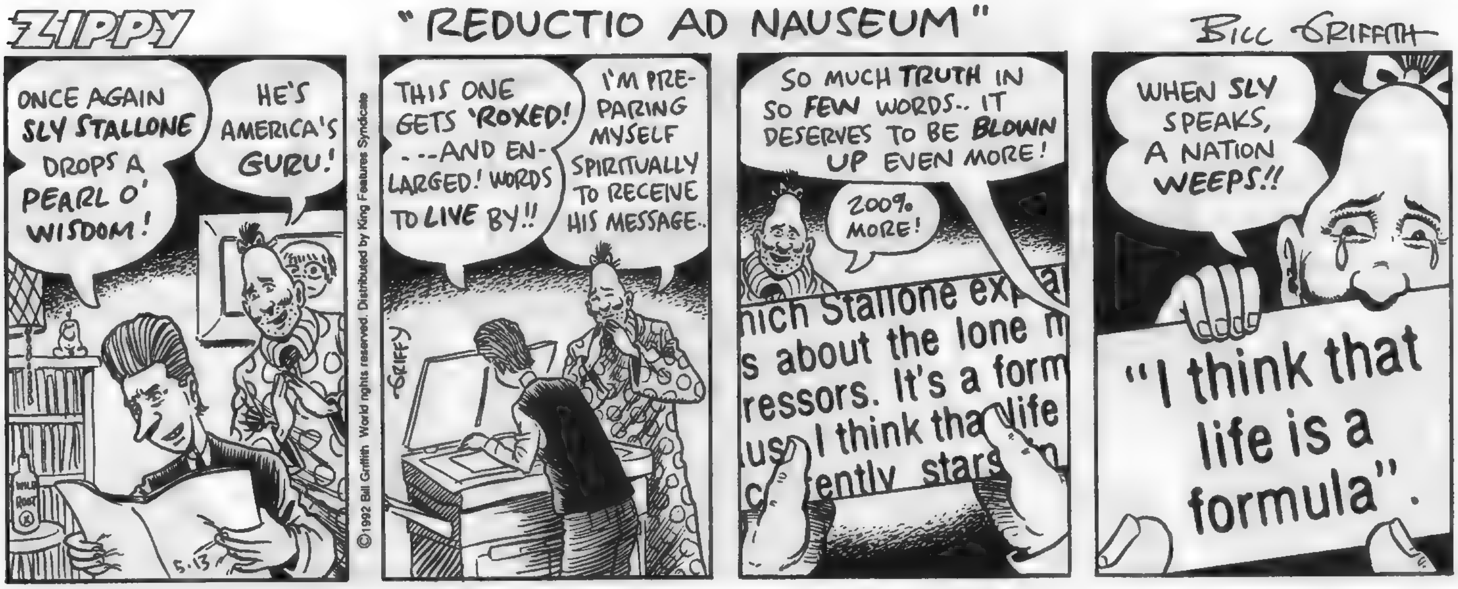
WELL, I GUESS IT'S TRUE WITH ANY ADDICTION.. ..ONCE TH' DENIAL PERIOD IS OVER, TH' HEALING CAN BEGIN..... WITHDRAWAL MUST BE TOUGH, THOUGH..
OH, I'M NOT IN WITHDRAWAL..
I'M IN RECOVERY..
A.E.I. O.U.
GRIFFY
5.12


ZIPPY
"REDUCTIO AD NAUSEUM"
BILL GRIFFITH
ONCE AGAIN SLY STALLONE DROPS A PEARL O' WISDOM!
HE'S AMERICA'S GURU!
5.13
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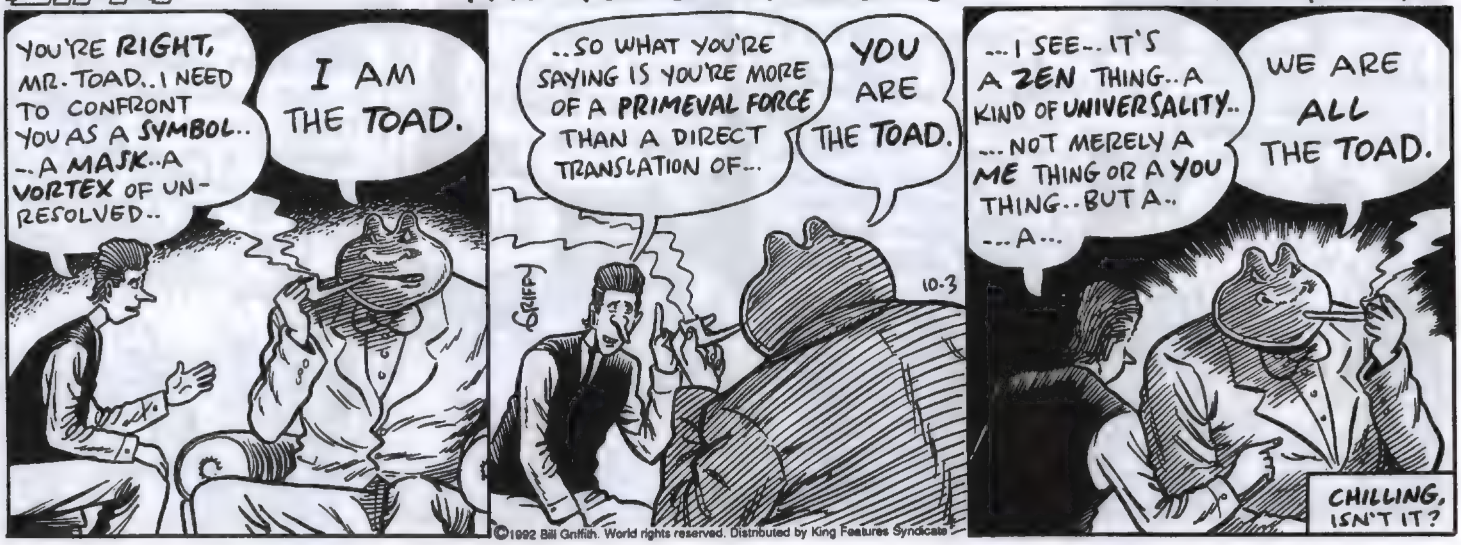
THIS ONE GETS 'ROXED! ...AND ENLARGED! WORDS TO LIVE BY!!
I'M PREPARING MYSELF SPIRITUALLY TO RECEIVE HIS MESSAGE..
GRIFFY
SO MUCH TRUTH IN SO FEW WORDS.. IT DESERVES TO BE BLOWN UP EVEN MORE!
200% MORE!
nich Stallone exp
s about the lone n
ressors. It's a form
us. I think tha life
c ently stars
WHEN SLY SPEAKS, A NATION WEEPS!!
"I think that life is a formula".

ZIPPY "THE TOAD IMPLODES" BILL GRIFFITH


YOU'RE RIGHT, MR. TOAD.. I NEED TO CONFRONT YOU AS A SYMBOL.. ..A MASK..A VORTEX OF UNRESOLVED..
I AM THE TOAD.
..SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS YOU'RE MORE OF A PRIMEVAL FORCE THAN A DIRECT TRANSLATION OF...
YOU ARE THE TOAD.
GRIFFY
10-3
...I SEE.. IT'S A ZEN THING.. A KIND OF UNIVERSALITY.. ...NOT MERELY A ME THING OR A YOU THING.. BUT A.. ...A...
WE ARE ALL THE TOAD.
CHILLING, ISN'T IT?

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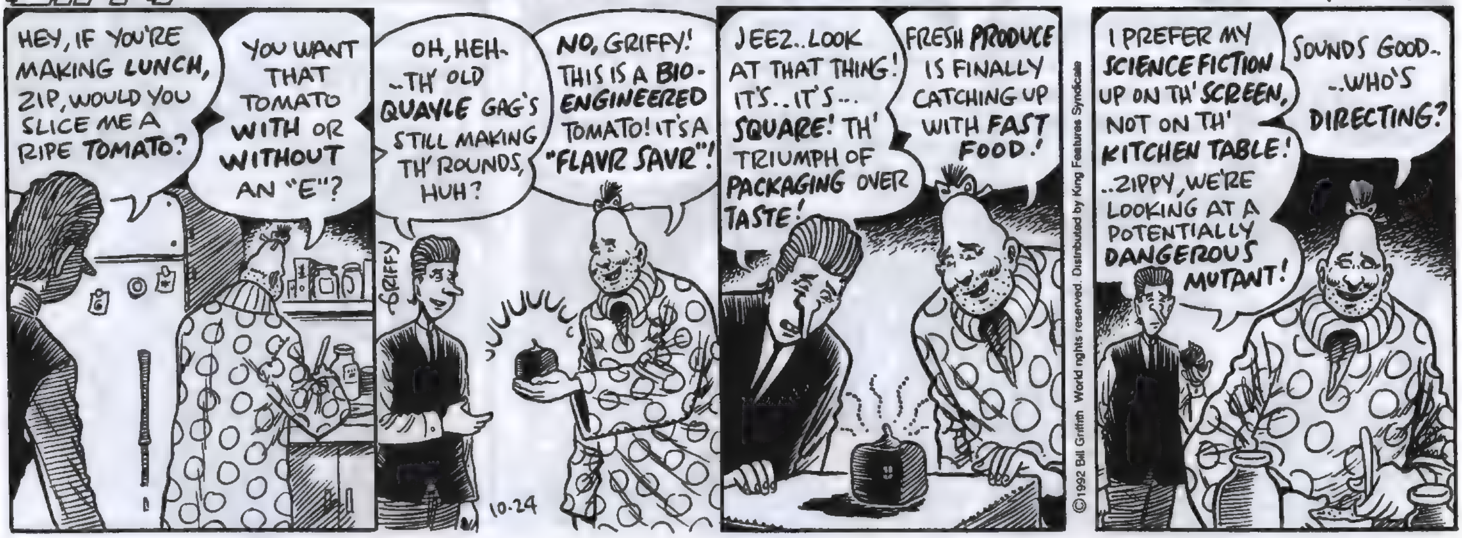
ZIPPY "BRAVE NEW FOOD" BILL GRIFFITH


HEY, IF YOU'RE MAKING LUNCH, ZIP, WOULD YOU SLICE ME A RIPE TOMATO?
YOU WANT THAT TOMATO WITH OR WITHOUT AN "E"?
OH, HEH- ..TH' OLD QUAYLE GAG'S STILL MAKING TH' ROUNDS, HUH?
NO, GRIFFY! THIS IS A BIO-ENGINEERED TOMATO! IT'S A "FLAVR SAVR"!
GRIFFY
10-24
JEEZ.. LOOK AT THAT THING! IT'S.. IT'S... SQUARE! TH' TRIUMPH OF PACKAGING OVER TASTE!
FRESH PRODUCE IS FINALLY CATCHING UP WITH FAST FOOD!
I PREFER MY SCIENCE FICTION UP ON TH' SCREEN, NOT ON TH' KITCHEN TABLE! ..ZIPPY, WE'RE LOOKING AT A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS MUTANT!
SOUNDS GOOD.. ..WHO'S DIRECTING?

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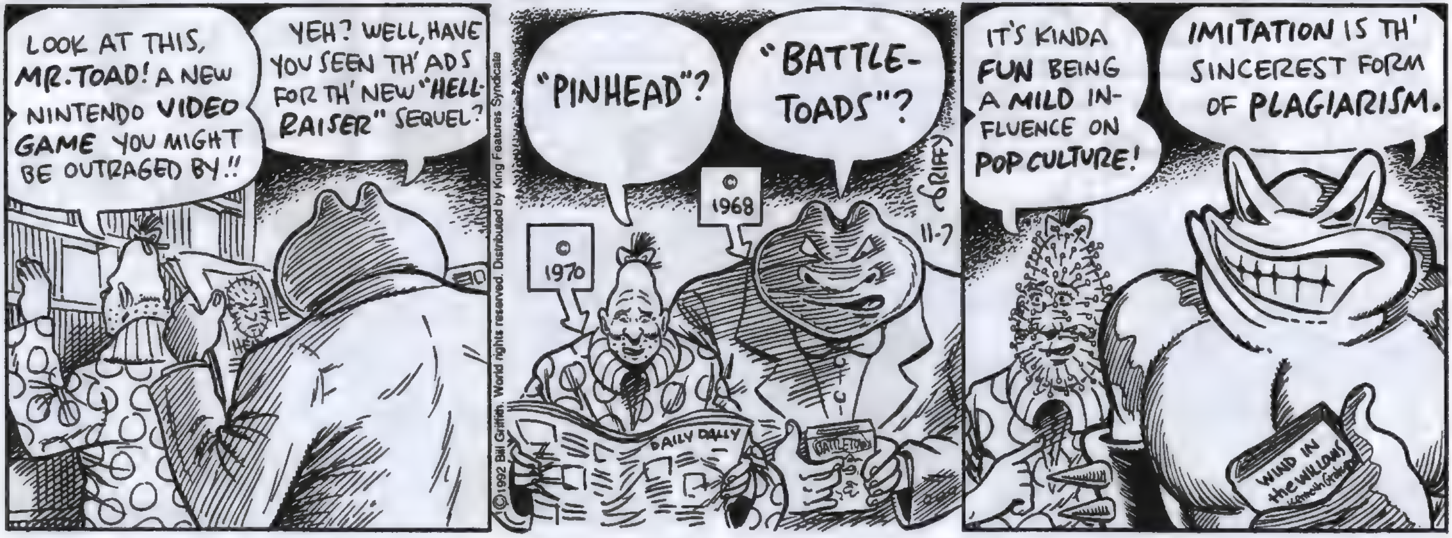
ZIPPY "THE BUSINESS OF AMERICA IS SHOWBIZ" BILL GRIFFITH


LOOK AT THIS, MR. TOAD! A NEW NINTENDO VIDEO GAME YOU MIGHT BE OUTRAGED BY!!
YEH? WELL, HAVE YOU SEEN TH' ADS FOR TH' NEW "HELL-RAISER" SEQUEL?
"PINHEAD"?
"BATTLE-TOADS"?
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DAILY DALLY
BATTLETOADS
GRIFFY
11-7
IT'S KINDA FUN BEING A MILD INFLUENCE ON POP CULTURE!
IMITATION IS TH' SINCEREST FORM OF PLAGIARISM.
WIND IN THE WILLOWS Kenneth Grahame

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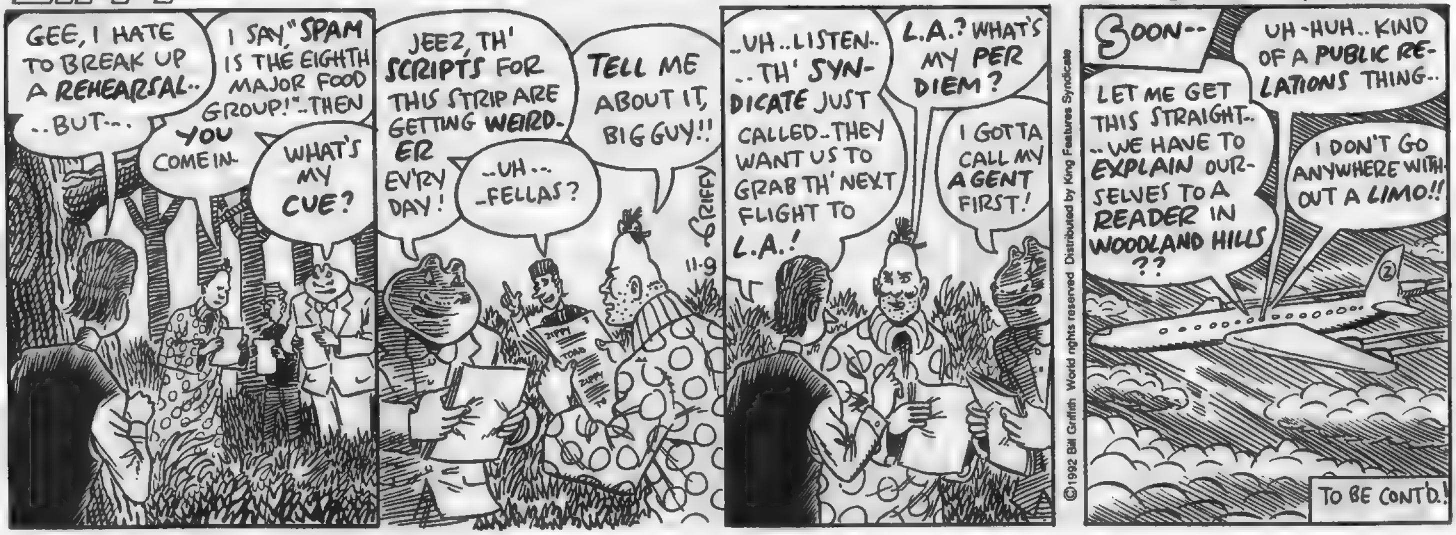
ZIPPY "THERE'S CONFUSION IN THEM THAR HILLS!!" BILL GRIFFITH


GEE, I HATE TO BREAK UP A REHEARSAL.. ..BUT...
I SAY, "SPAM IS THE EIGHTH MAJOR FOOD GROUP!"..THEN YOU COME IN..
WHAT'S MY CUE?
JEEZ, TH' SCRIPTS FOR THIS STRIP ARE GETTING WEIRD-ER EV'RY DAY!
TELL ME ABOUT IT, BIG GUY!!
..UH... -FELLAS?
ZIPPY
TOAD
ZIPPY
GRIFFY
11-9
..UH..LISTEN.. ..TH' SYNDICATE JUST CALLED..THEY WANT US TO GRAB TH' NEXT FLIGHT TO L.A.!
L.A.? WHAT'S MY PER DIEM?
I GOTTA CALL MY AGENT FIRST!
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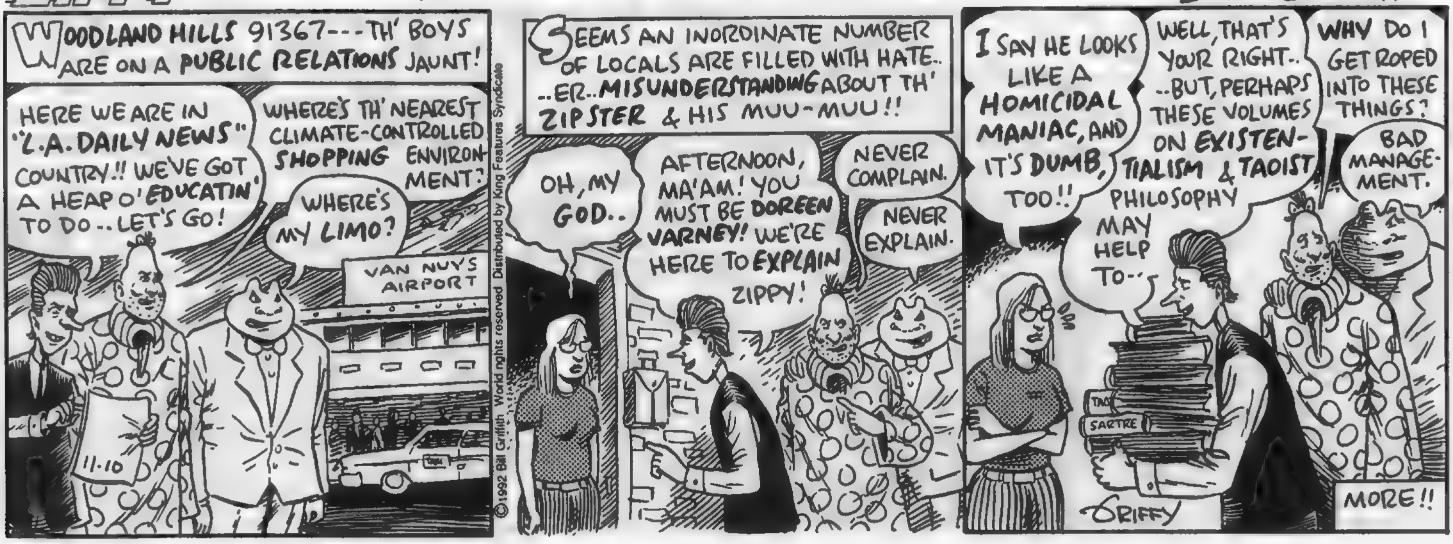
SOON--
UH-HUH..KIND OF A PUBLIC RELATIONS THING..
LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT.. ..WE HAVE TO EXPLAIN OURSELVES TO A READER IN WOODLAND HILLS??
I DON'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT A LIMO!!
TO BE CONT'D.!

ZIPPY "DOWN IN THE VALLEY" BILL GRIFFITH


WOODLAND HILLS 91367---TH' BOYS ARE ON A PUBLIC RELATIONS JAUNT!
HERE WE ARE IN "L.A. DAILY NEWS" COUNTRY!! WE'VE GOT A HEAP O' EDUCATIN' TO DO..LET'S GO!
WHERE'S TH' NEAREST CLIMATE-CONTROLLED SHOPPING ENVIRONMENT?
WHERE'S MY LIMO?
VAN NUYS AIRPORT
11.10
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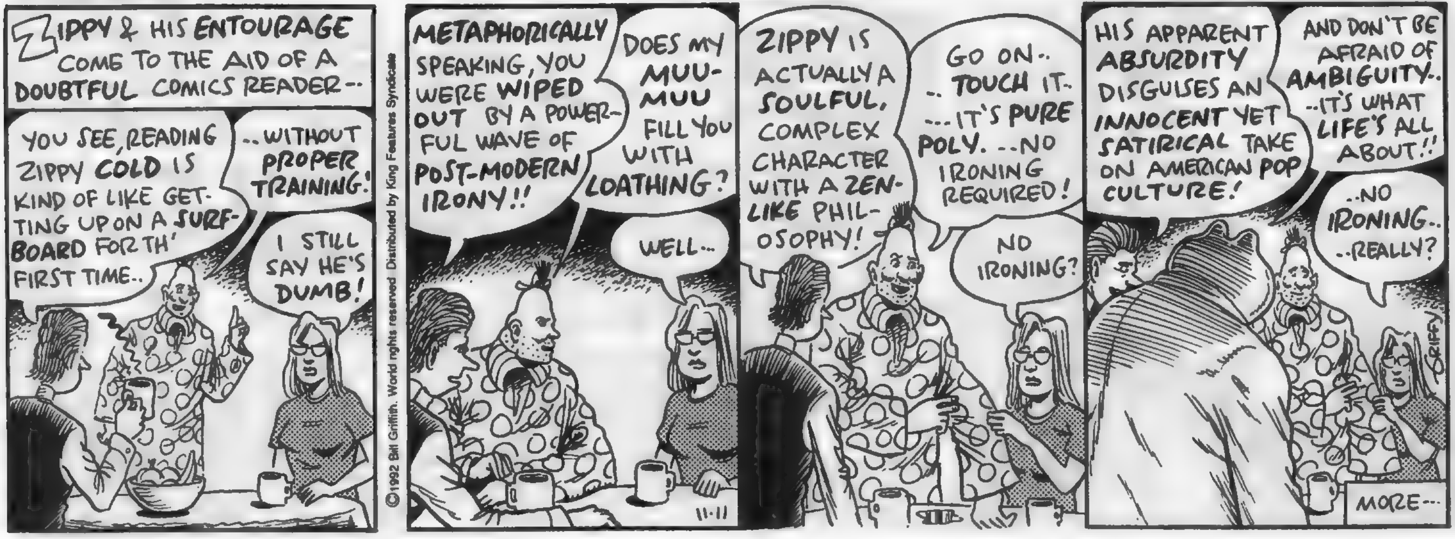
SEEMS AN INORDINATE NUMBER OF LOCALS ARE FILLED WITH HATE.. ..ER..MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT TH' ZIPSTER & HIS MUU-MUU!!
OH, MY GOD..
AFTERNOON, MA'AM! YOU MUST BE DOREEN VARNEY! WE'RE HERE TO EXPLAIN ZIPPY!
NEVER COMPLAIN.
NEVER EXPLAIN.
I SAY HE LOOKS LIKE A HOMICIDAL MANIAC, AND IT'S DUMB, TOO!!
WELL, THAT'S YOUR RIGHT.. ..BUT, PERHAPS THESE VOLUMES ON EXISTENTIALISM & TAOIST PHILOSOPHY MAY HELP TO..
WHY DO I GET ROPED INTO THESE THINGS?
BAD MANAGEMENT.
TAO
SARTRE
GRIFFY
MORE!!

ZIPPY "IRONY, NO IRONING" BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY & HIS ENTOURAGE COME TO THE AID OF A DOUBTFUL COMICS READER--
YOU SEE, READING ZIPPY COLD IS KIND OF LIKE GETTING UP ON A SURFBOARD FOR TH' FIRST TIME..
..WITHOUT PROPER TRAINING!
I STILL SAY HE'S DUMB!
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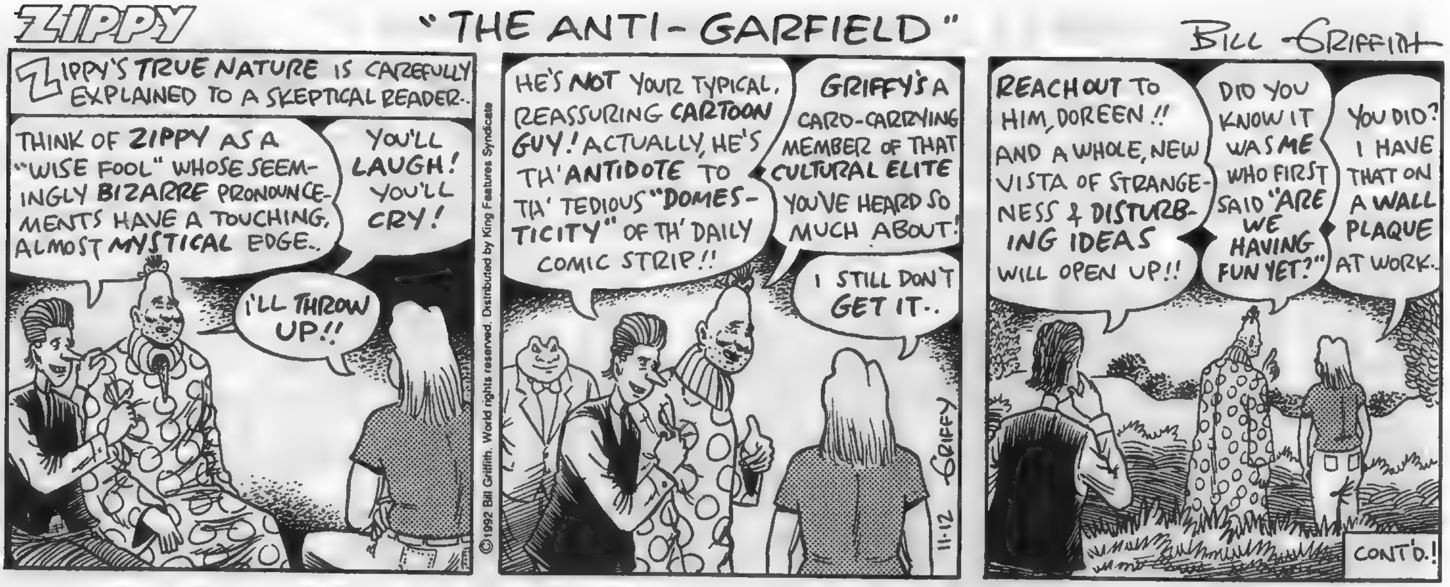
METAPHORICALLY SPEAKING, YOU WERE WIPED OUT BY A POWERFUL WAVE OF POST-MODERN IRONY!!
DOES MY MUU-MUU FILL YOU WITH LOATHING?
WELL..
11.11
ZIPPY IS ACTUALLY A SOULFUL, COMPLEX CHARACTER WITH A ZEN-LIKE PHILOSOPHY!
GO ON.. ..TOUCH IT.. ...IT'S PURE POLY. ..NO IRONING REQUIRED!
NO IRONING?
HIS APPARENT ABSURDITY DISGUISES AN INNOCENT YET SATIRICAL TAKE ON AMERICAN POP CULTURE!
AND DON'T BE AFRAID OF AMBIGUITY.. ..IT'S WHAT LIFE'S ALL ABOUT!!
..NO IRONING.. ..REALLY?
GRIFFY
MORE--


ZIPPY
"THE ANTI-GARFIELD"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY'S TRUE NATURE IS CAREFULLY EXPLAINED TO A SKEPTICAL READER..
THINK OF ZIPPY AS A "WISE FOOL" WHOSE SEEMINGLY BIZARRE PRONOUNCEMENTS HAVE A TOUCHING, ALMOST MYSTICAL EDGE..
YOU'LL LAUGH! YOU'LL CRY!
I'LL THROW UP!!
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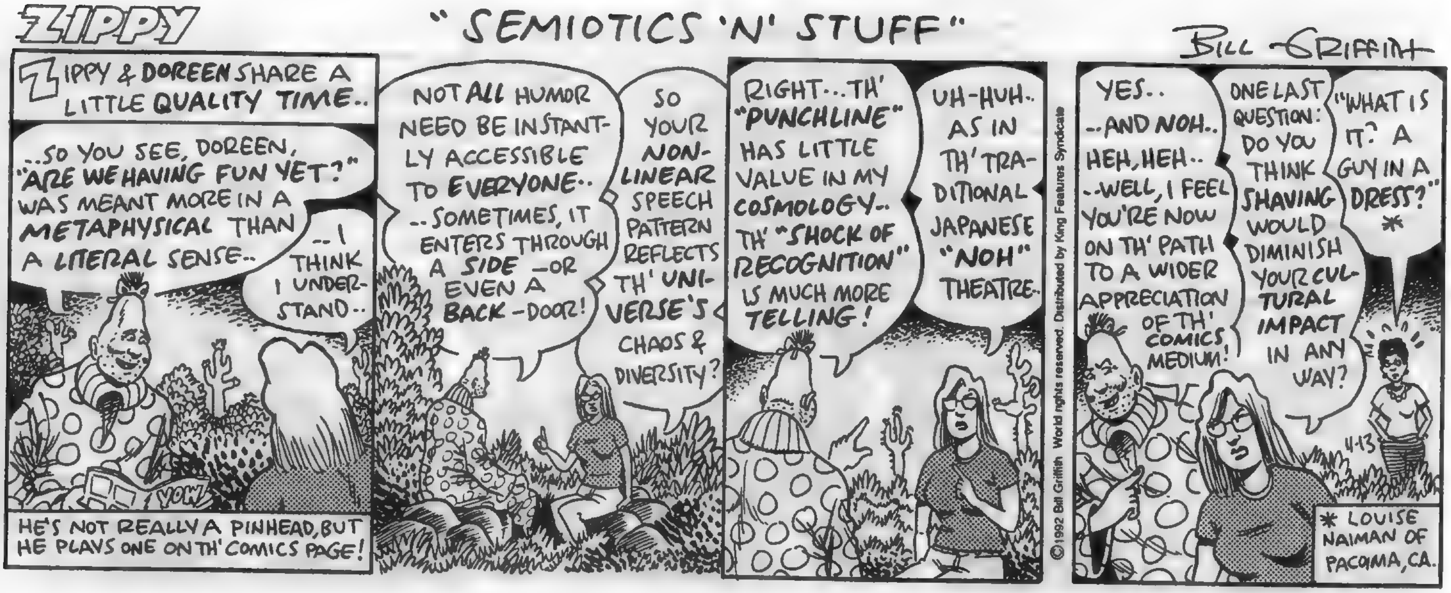
HE'S NOT YOUR TYPICAL, REASSURING CARTOON GUY! ACTUALLY, HE'S TH' ANTIDOTE TO TH' TEDIOUS "DOMESTICITY" OF TH' DAILY COMIC STRIP!!
GRIFFY'S A CARD-CARRYING MEMBER OF THAT CULTURAL ELITE YOU'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT!
I STILL DON'T GET IT..
GRIFFY
11-12
REACH OUT TO HIM, DOREEN!! AND A WHOLE, NEW VISTA OF STRANGENESS & DISTURBING IDEAS WILL OPEN UP!!
DID YOU KNOW IT WAS ME WHO FIRST SAID "ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?"
YOU DID? I HAVE THAT ON A WALL PLAQUE AT WORK..
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"SEMIOTICS 'N' STUFF"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & DOREEN SHARE A LITTLE QUALITY TIME..
..SO YOU SEE, DOREEN, "ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?" WAS MEANT MORE IN A METAPHYSICAL THAN A LITERAL SENSE..
--I THINK I UNDERSTAND..
YOW
HE'S NOT REALLY A PINHEAD, BUT HE PLAYS ONE ON TH' COMICS PAGE!
NOT ALL HUMOR NEED BE INSTANTLY ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE.. --SOMETIMES, IT ENTERS THROUGH A SIDE --OR EVEN A BACK-DOOR!
SO YOUR NON-LINEAR SPEECH PATTERN REFLECTS TH' UNIVERSE'S CHAOS & DIVERSITY?
RIGHT...TH' "PUNCHLINE" HAS LITTLE VALUE IN MY COSMOLOGY.. TH' "SHOCK OF RECOGNITION" IS MUCH MORE TELLING!
UH-HUH.. AS IN TH' TRADITIONAL JAPANESE "NOH" THEATRE.
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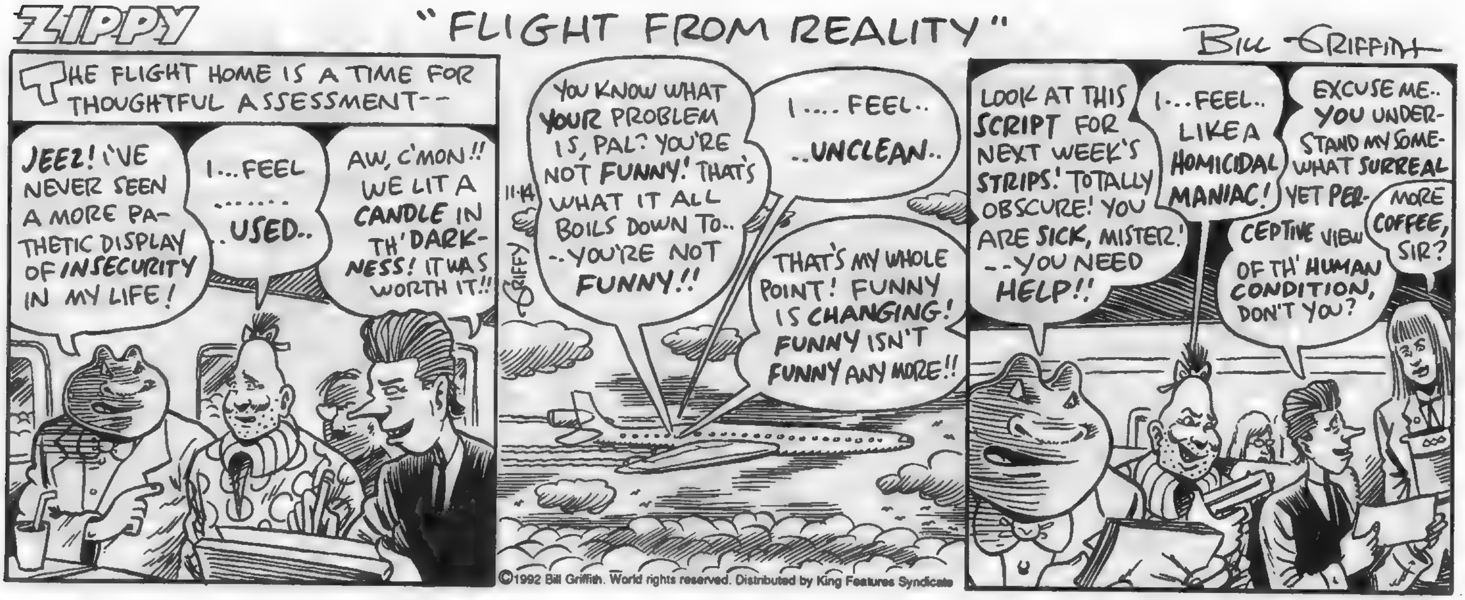
YES.. --AND NOH.. HEH, HEH.. --WELL, I FEEL YOU'RE NOW ON TH' PATH TO A WIDER APPRECIATION OF TH' COMICS MEDIUM!
ONE LAST QUESTION: DO YOU THINK SHAVING WOULD DIMINISH YOUR CULTURAL IMPACT IN ANY WAY?
"WHAT IS IT? A GUY IN A DRESS?" *
4-13
* LOUISE NAIMAN OF PACOIMA, CA.


ZIPPY
"FLIGHT FROM REALITY"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE FLIGHT HOME IS A TIME FOR THOUGHTFUL ASSESSMENT--
JEEZ! I'VE NEVER SEEN A MORE PATHETIC DISPLAY OF INSECURITY IN MY LIFE!
I...FEEL ....USED..
AW, C'MON!! WE LIT A CANDLE IN TH' DARKNESS! IT WAS WORTH IT!!
11-14
GRIFFY
YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS, PAL? YOU'RE NOT FUNNY! THAT'S WHAT IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO.. --YOU'RE NOT FUNNY!!
I.... FEEL.. ..UNCLEAN..
THAT'S MY WHOLE POINT! FUNNY IS CHANGING! FUNNY ISN'T FUNNY ANY MORE!!
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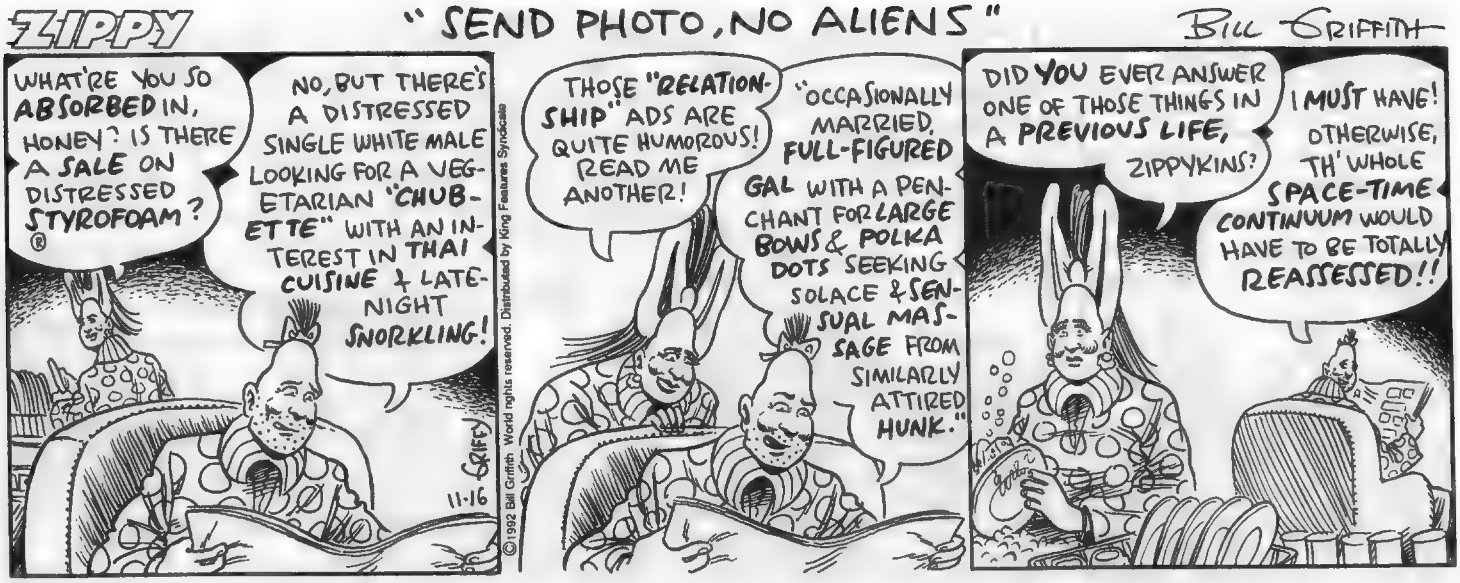
LOOK AT THIS SCRIPT FOR NEXT WEEK'S STRIPS! TOTALLY OBSCURE! YOU ARE SICK, MISTER! --YOU NEED HELP!!
I...FEEL.. LIKE A HOMICIDAL MANIAC!
EXCUSE ME.. YOU UNDERSTAND MY SOMEWHAT SURREAL YET PERCEPTIVE VIEW OF TH' HUMAN CONDITION, DON'T YOU?
MORE COFFEE, SIR?


ZIPPY
"SEND PHOTO, NO ALIENS"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'RE YOU SO ABSORBED IN, HONEY? IS THERE A SALE ON DISTRESSED STYROFOAM?®
NO, BUT THERE'S A DISTRESSED SINGLE WHITE MALE LOOKING FOR A VEGETARIAN "CHUBETTE" WITH AN INTEREST IN THAI CUISINE & LATE-NIGHT SNORKLING!
GRIFFY 11-16
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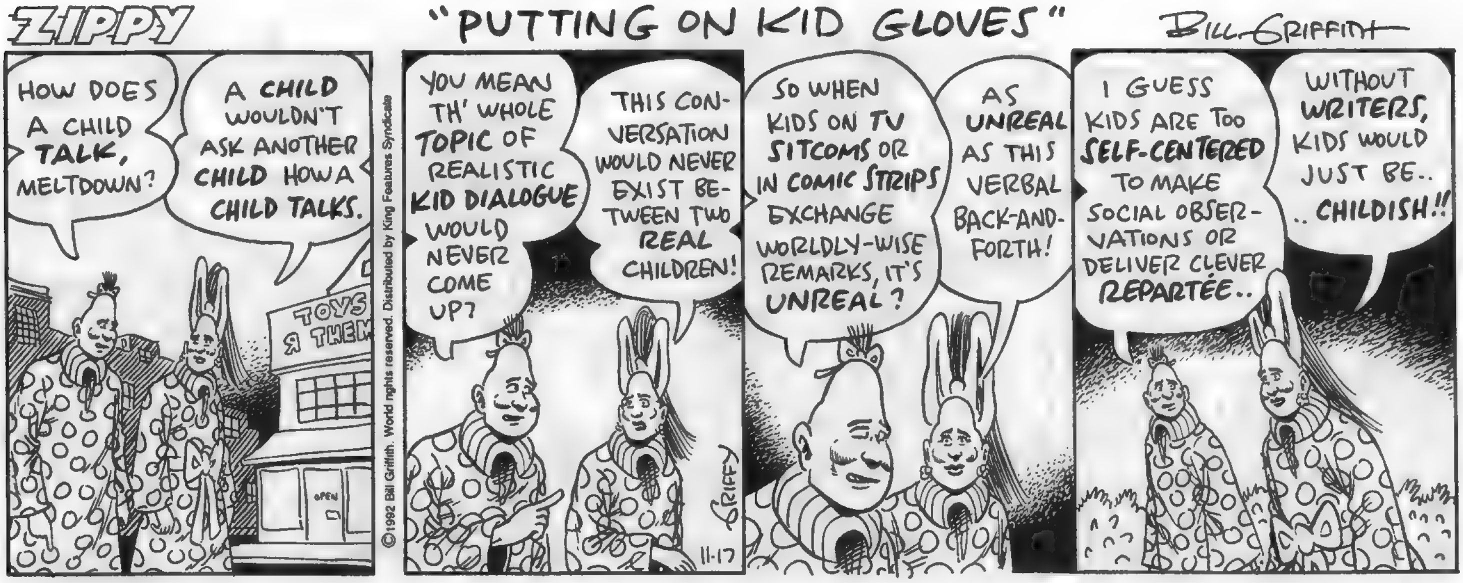
THOSE "RELATIONSHIP" ADS ARE QUITE HUMOROUS! READ ME ANOTHER!
"OCCASIONALLY MARRIED, FULL-FIGURED GAL WITH A PENCHANT FOR LARGE BOWS & POLKA DOTS SEEKING SOLACE & SENSUAL MASSAGE FROM SIMILARLY ATTIRED HUNK."
DID YOU EVER ANSWER ONE OF THOSE THINGS IN A PREVIOUS LIFE, ZIPPYKINS?
I MUST HAVE! OTHERWISE, TH' WHOLE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM WOULD HAVE TO BE TOTALLY REASSESSED!!


ZIPPY
"PUTTING ON KID GLOVES"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW DOES A CHILD TALK, MELTDOWN?
A CHILD WOULDN'T ASK ANOTHER CHILD HOW A CHILD TALKS.
TOYS Я THEM
OPEN
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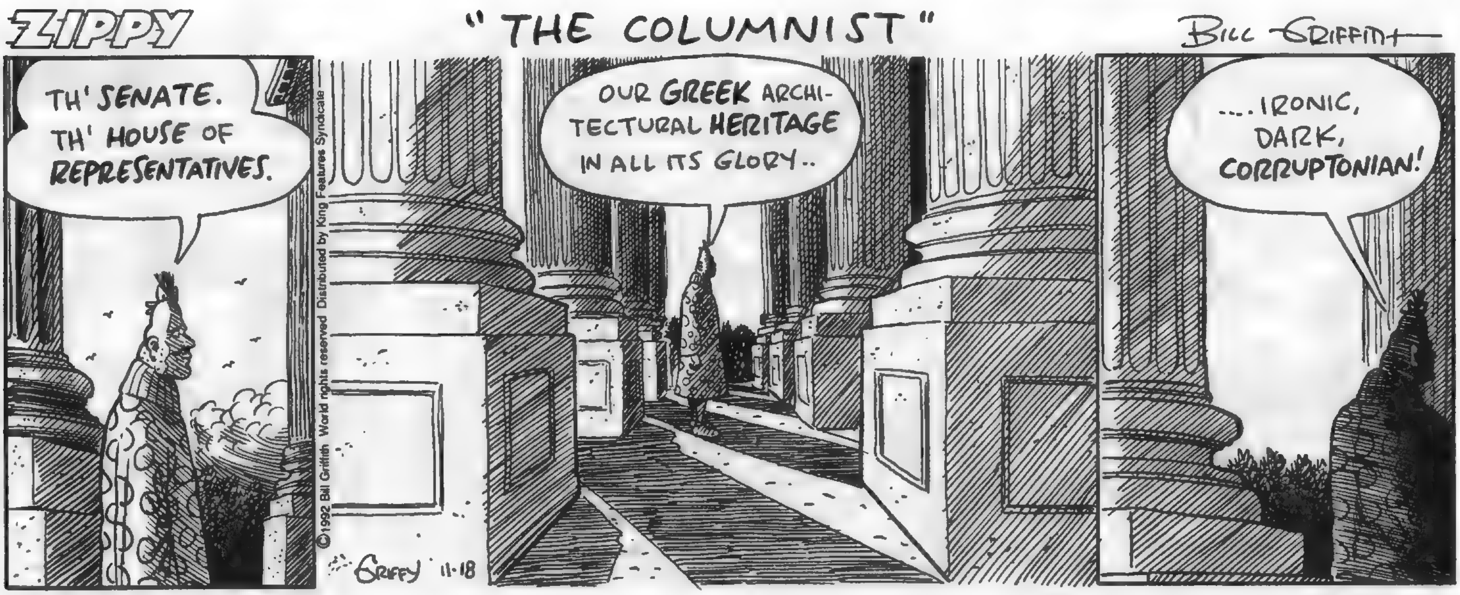
YOU MEAN TH' WHOLE TOPIC OF REALISTIC KID DIALOGUE WOULD NEVER COME UP?
THIS CONVERSATION WOULD NEVER EXIST BETWEEN TWO REAL CHILDREN!
GRIFFY 11-17
SO WHEN KIDS ON TV SITCOMS OR IN COMIC STRIPS EXCHANGE WORLDLY-WISE REMARKS, IT'S UNREAL?
AS UNREAL AS THIS VERBAL BACK-AND-FORTH!
I GUESS KIDS ARE TOO SELF-CENTERED TO MAKE SOCIAL OBSERVATIONS OR DELIVER CLEVER REPARTÉE..
WITHOUT WRITERS, KIDS WOULD JUST BE.. ..CHILDISH!!


ZIPPY
"THE COLUMNIST"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' SENATE. TH' HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
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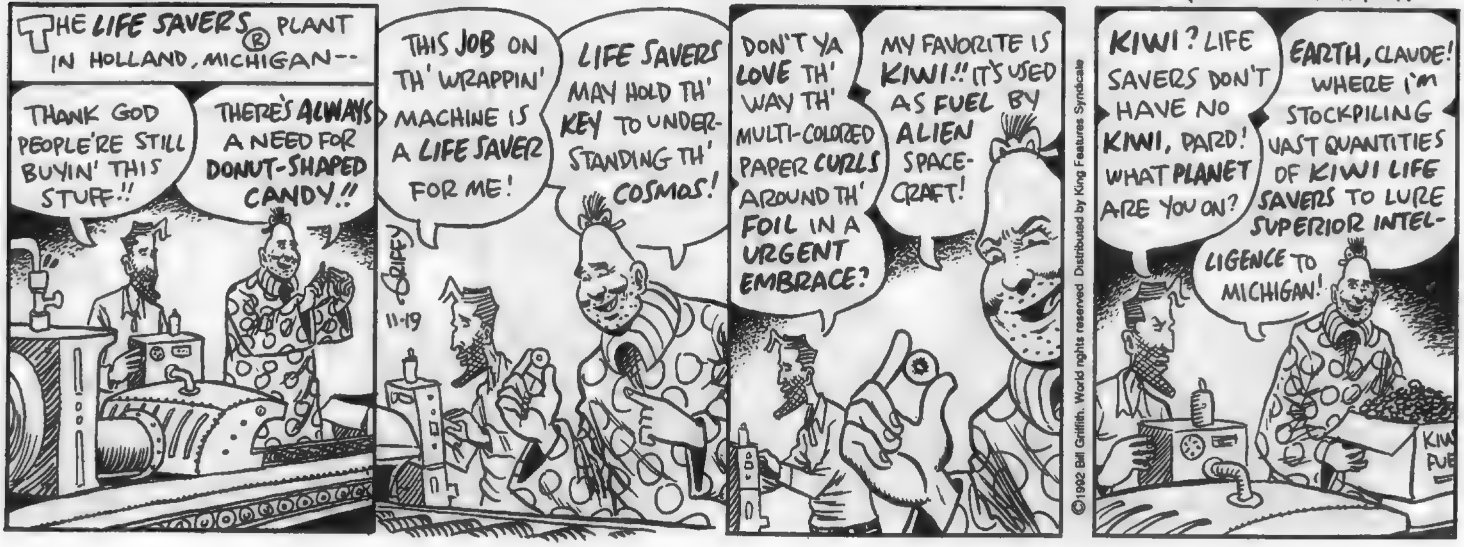
OUR GREEK ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE IN ALL ITS GLORY..
GRIFFY 11-18
....IRONIC, DARK, CORRUPTONIAN!

ZIPPY "WHY YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A KIWI LIFE SAVER" BILL GRIFFITH


THE LIFE SAVERS® PLANT IN HOLLAND, MICHIGAN--
THANK GOD PEOPLE'RE STILL BUYIN' THIS STUFF!!
THERE'S ALWAYS A NEED FOR DONUT-SHAPED CANDY!!
THIS JOB ON TH' WRAPPIN' MACHINE IS A LIFE SAVER FOR ME!
LIFE SAVERS MAY HOLD TH' KEY TO UNDER-STANDING TH' COSMOS!
GRIFFY
11-19
DON'T YA LOVE TH' WAY TH' MULTI-COLORED PAPER CURLS AROUND TH' FOIL IN A URGENT EMBRACE?
MY FAVORITE IS KIWI!! IT'S USED AS FUEL BY ALIEN SPACE-CRAFT!
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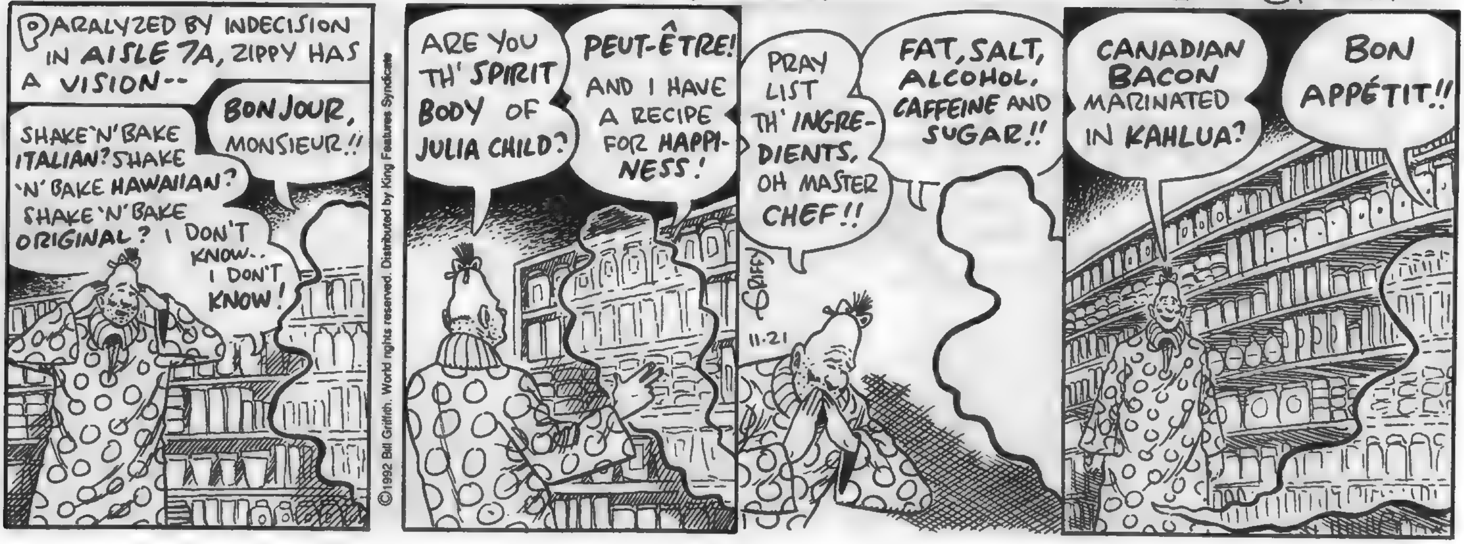
KIWI? LIFE SAVERS DON'T HAVE NO KIWI, PARD! WHAT PLANET ARE YOU ON?
EARTH, CLAUDE! WHERE I'M STOCKPILING VAST QUANTITIES OF KIWI LIFE SAVERS TO LURE SUPERIOR INTEL-LIGENCE TO MICHIGAN!
KIWI FUE

ZIPPY "TA-BOO!!" BILL GRIFFITH


PARALYZED BY INDECISION IN AISLE 7A, ZIPPY HAS A VISION--
SHAKE 'N' BAKE ITALIAN? SHAKE 'N' BAKE HAWAIIAN? SHAKE 'N' BAKE ORIGINAL? I DON'T KNOW.. I DON'T KNOW!
BONJOUR, MONSIEUR!!
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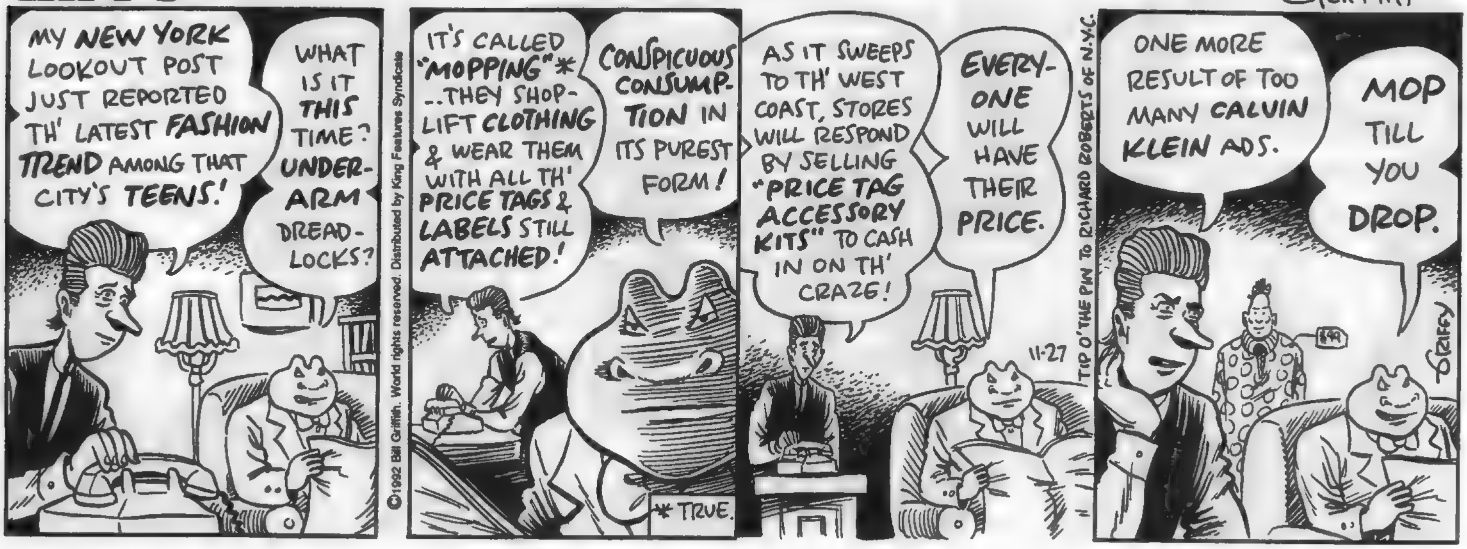
ARE YOU TH' SPIRIT BODY OF JULIA CHILD?
PEUT-ÊTRE! AND I HAVE A RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS!
PRAY LIST TH' INGREDIENTS, OH MASTER CHEF!!
FAT, SALT, ALCOHOL, CAFFEINE AND SUGAR!!
GRIFFY
11-21
CANADIAN BACON MARINATED IN KAHLUA?
BON APPÉTIT!!

ZIPPY "MOP 'N' GLOW" BILL GRIFFITH


MY NEW YORK LOOKOUT POST JUST REPORTED TH' LATEST FASHION TREND AMONG THAT CITY'S TEENS!
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME? UNDER-ARM DREAD-LOCKS?
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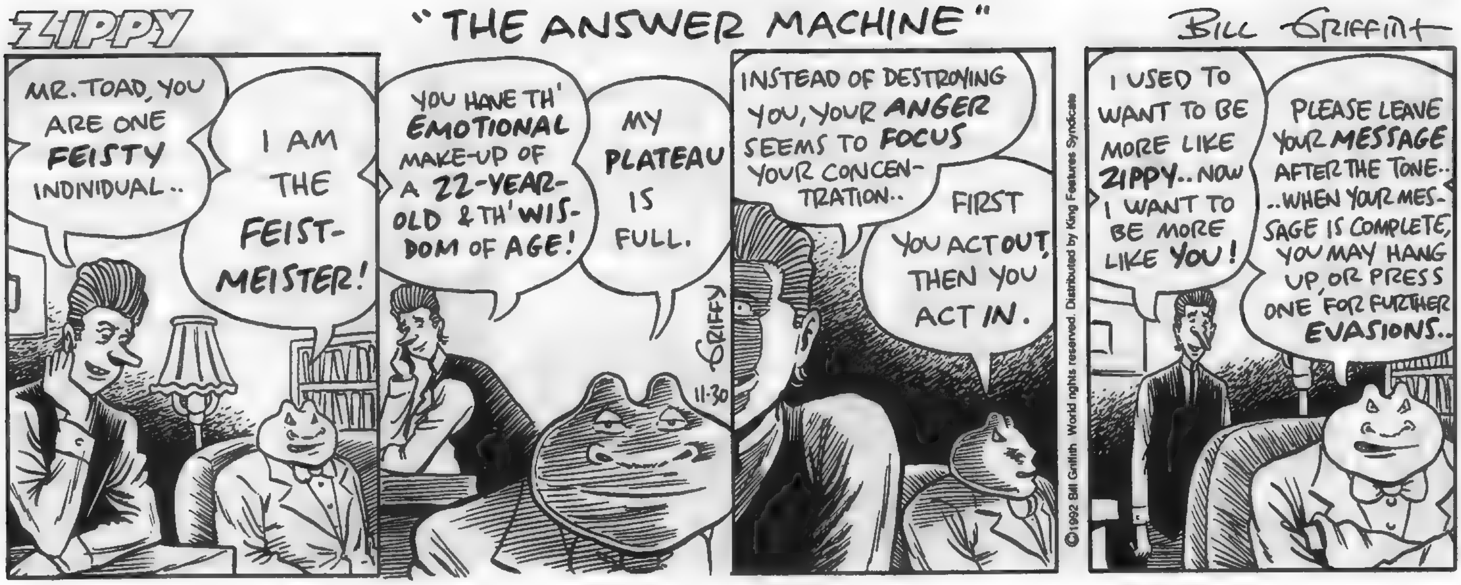
IT'S CALLED "MOPPING"* ..THEY SHOP-LIFT CLOTHING & WEAR THEM WITH ALL TH' PRICE TAGS & LABELS STILL ATTACHED!
CONSPICUOUS CONSUMP-TION IN ITS PUREST FORM!
*TRUE.
AS IT SWEEPS TO TH' WEST COAST, STORES WILL RESPOND BY SELLING "PRICE TAG ACCESSORY KITS" TO CASH IN ON TH' CRAZE!
EVERY-ONE WILL HAVE THEIR PRICE.
11-27
TIP O' THE PIN TO RICHARD ROBERTS OF N.Y.C.
ONE MORE RESULT OF TOO MANY CALVIN KLEIN ADS.
MOP TILL YOU DROP.
$49
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"THE ANSWER MACHINE"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, YOU ARE ONE FEISTY INDIVIDUAL..
I AM THE FEIST-MEISTER!
YOU HAVE TH' EMOTIONAL MAKE-UP OF A 22-YEAR-OLD & TH' WISDOM OF AGE!
MY PLATEAU IS FULL.
GRIFFY
11-30
INSTEAD OF DESTROYING YOU, YOUR ANGER SEEMS TO FOCUS YOUR CONCENTRATION..
FIRST YOU ACT OUT, THEN YOU ACT IN.
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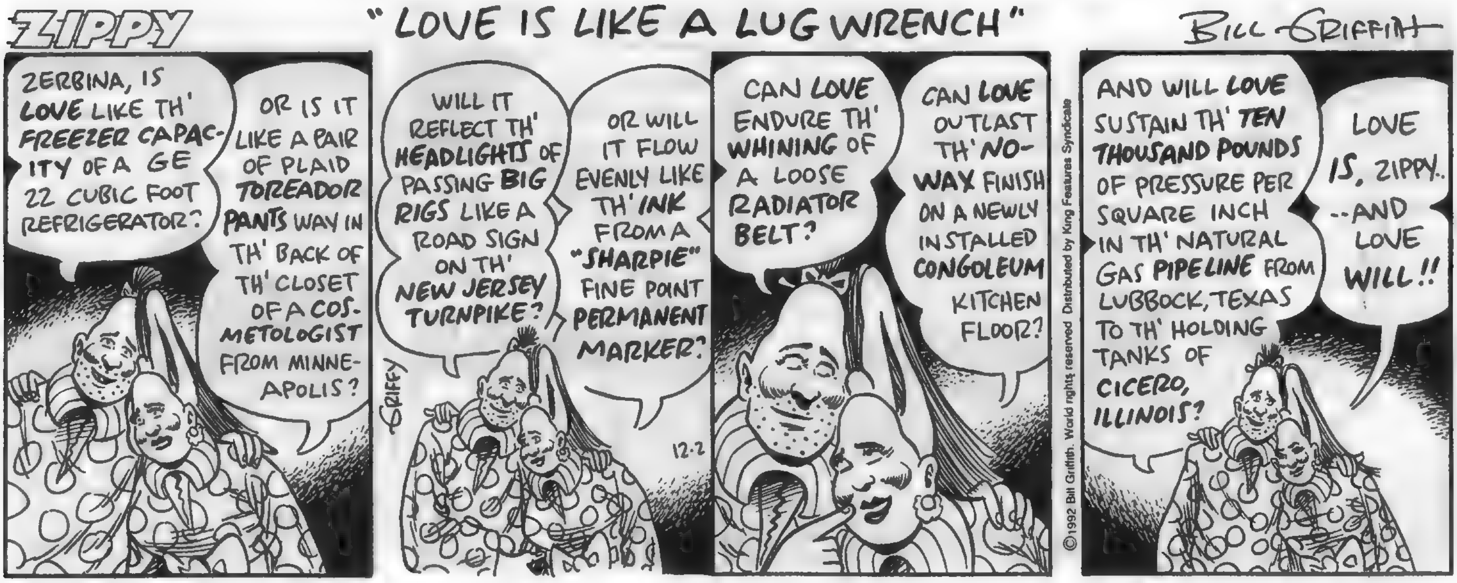
I USED TO WANT TO BE MORE LIKE ZIPPY.. NOW I WANT TO BE MORE LIKE YOU!
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR MESSAGE AFTER THE TONE.. ..WHEN YOUR MESSAGE IS COMPLETE, YOU MAY HANG UP, OR PRESS ONE FOR FURTHER EVASIONS..


ZIPPY
"LOVE IS LIKE A LUG WRENCH"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZERBINA, IS LOVE LIKE TH' FREEZER CAPACITY OF A GE 22 CUBIC FOOT REFRIGERATOR?
OR IS IT LIKE A PAIR OF PLAID TOREADOR PANTS WAY IN TH' BACK OF TH' CLOSET OF A COSMETOLOGIST FROM MINNEAPOLIS?
WILL IT REFLECT TH' HEADLIGHTS OF PASSING BIG RIGS LIKE A ROAD SIGN ON TH' NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE?
OR WILL IT FLOW EVENLY LIKE TH' INK FROM A "SHARPIE" FINE POINT PERMANENT MARKER?
GRIFFY
12-2
CAN LOVE ENDURE TH' WHINING OF A LOOSE RADIATOR BELT?
CAN LOVE OUTLAST TH' NO-WAX FINISH ON A NEWLY INSTALLED CONGOLEUM KITCHEN FLOOR?
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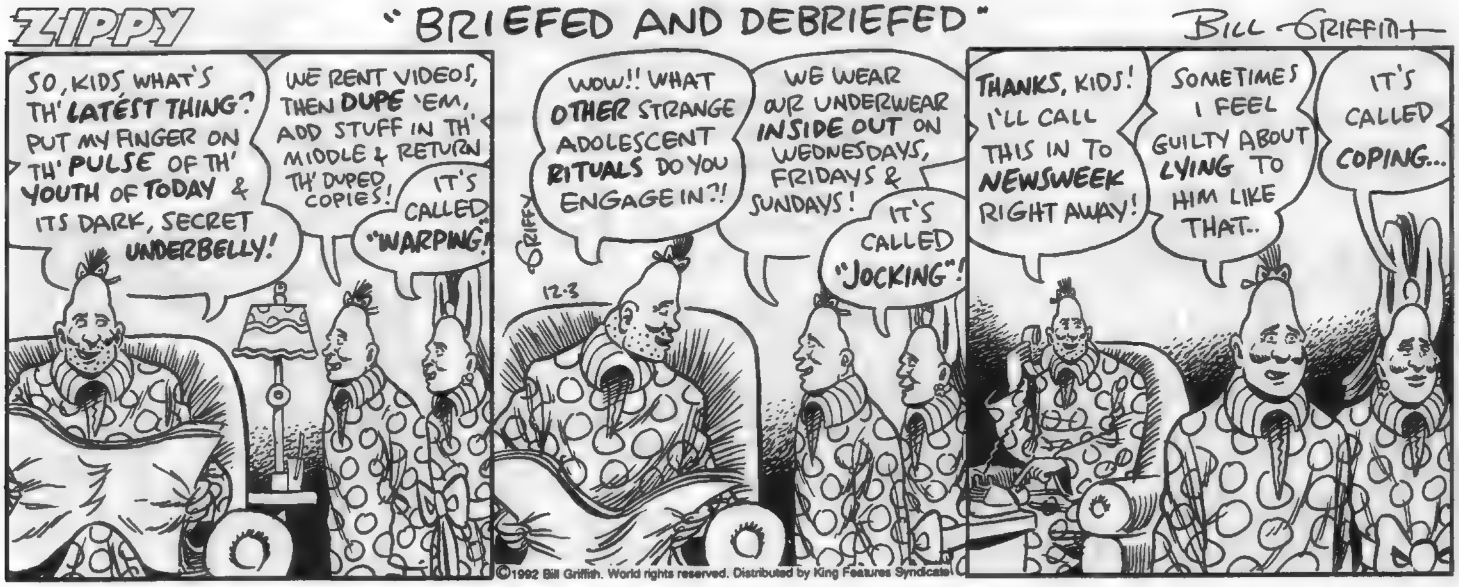
AND WILL LOVE SUSTAIN TH' TEN THOUSAND POUNDS OF PRESSURE PER SQUARE INCH IN TH' NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FROM LUBBOCK, TEXAS TO TH' HOLDING TANKS OF CICERO, ILLINOIS?
LOVE IS, ZIPPY.. --AND LOVE WILL!!


ZIPPY
"BRIEFED AND DEBRIEFED"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO, KIDS, WHAT'S TH' LATEST THING? PUT MY FINGER ON TH' PULSE OF TH' YOUTH OF TODAY & ITS DARK, SECRET UNDERBELLY!
WE RENT VIDEOS, THEN DUPE 'EM, ADD STUFF IN TH' MIDDLE & RETURN TH' DUPED COPIES!
IT'S CALLED "WARPING"!
GRIFFY
12-3
WOW!! WHAT OTHER STRANGE ADOLESCENT RITUALS DO YOU ENGAGE IN?!
WE WEAR OUR UNDERWEAR INSIDE OUT ON WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS!
IT'S CALLED "JOCKING"!
THANKS, KIDS! I'LL CALL THIS IN TO NEWSWEEK RIGHT AWAY!
SOMETIMES I FEEL GUILTY ABOUT LYING TO HIM LIKE THAT..
IT'S CALLED COPING...
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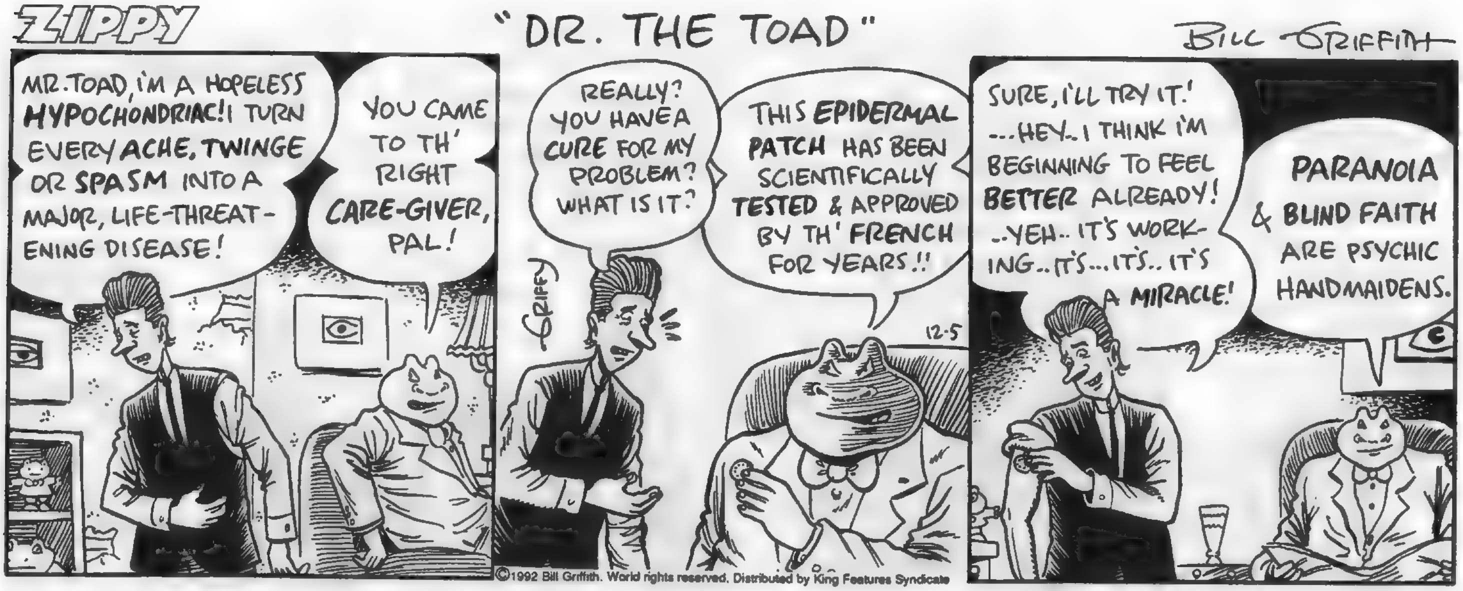
ZIPPY
"DR. THE TOAD"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, I'M A HOPELESS HYPOCHONDRIAC! I TURN EVERY ACHE, TWINGE OR SPASM INTO A MAJOR, LIFE-THREATENING DISEASE!
YOU CAME TO TH' RIGHT CARE-GIVER, PAL!
REALLY? YOU HAVE A CURE FOR MY PROBLEM? WHAT IS IT?
THIS EPIDERMAL PATCH HAS BEEN SCIENTIFICALLY TESTED & APPROVED BY TH' FRENCH FOR YEARS!!
GRIFFY
12-5
SURE, I'LL TRY IT! ...HEY.. I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL BETTER ALREADY! ..YEH.. IT'S WORKING.. IT'S...IT'S.. IT'S A MIRACLE!
PARANOIA & BLIND FAITH ARE PSYCHIC HANDMAIDENS.
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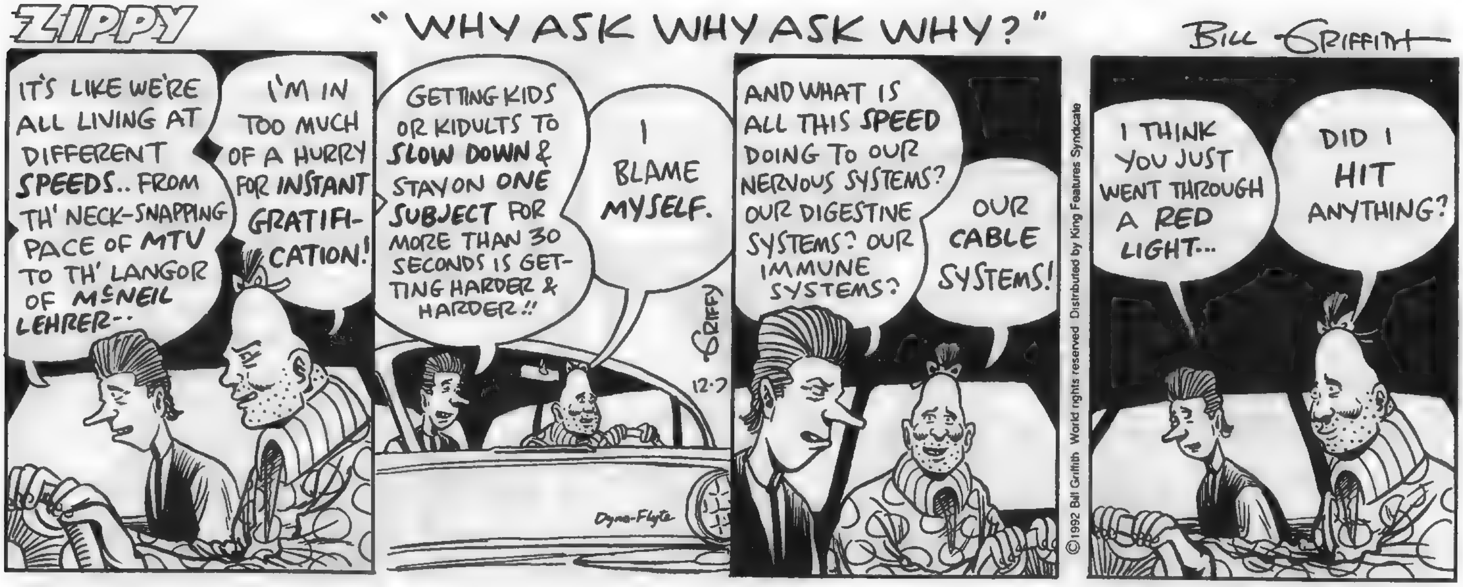
ZIPPY
"WHY ASK WHY ASK WHY?"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S LIKE WE'RE ALL LIVING AT DIFFERENT SPEEDS.. FROM TH' NECK-SNAPPING PACE OF MTV TO TH' LANGOR OF McNEIL LEHRER..
I'M IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY FOR INSTANT GRATIFICATION!
GETTING KIDS OR KIDULTS TO SLOW DOWN & STAY ON ONE SUBJECT FOR MORE THAN 30 SECONDS IS GETTING HARDER & HARDER!!
I BLAME MYSELF.
GRIFFY
12-7
Dyna-Flyte
AND WHAT IS ALL THIS SPEED DOING TO OUR NERVOUS SYSTEMS? OUR DIGESTIVE SYSTEMS? OUR IMMUNE SYSTEMS?
OUR CABLE SYSTEMS!
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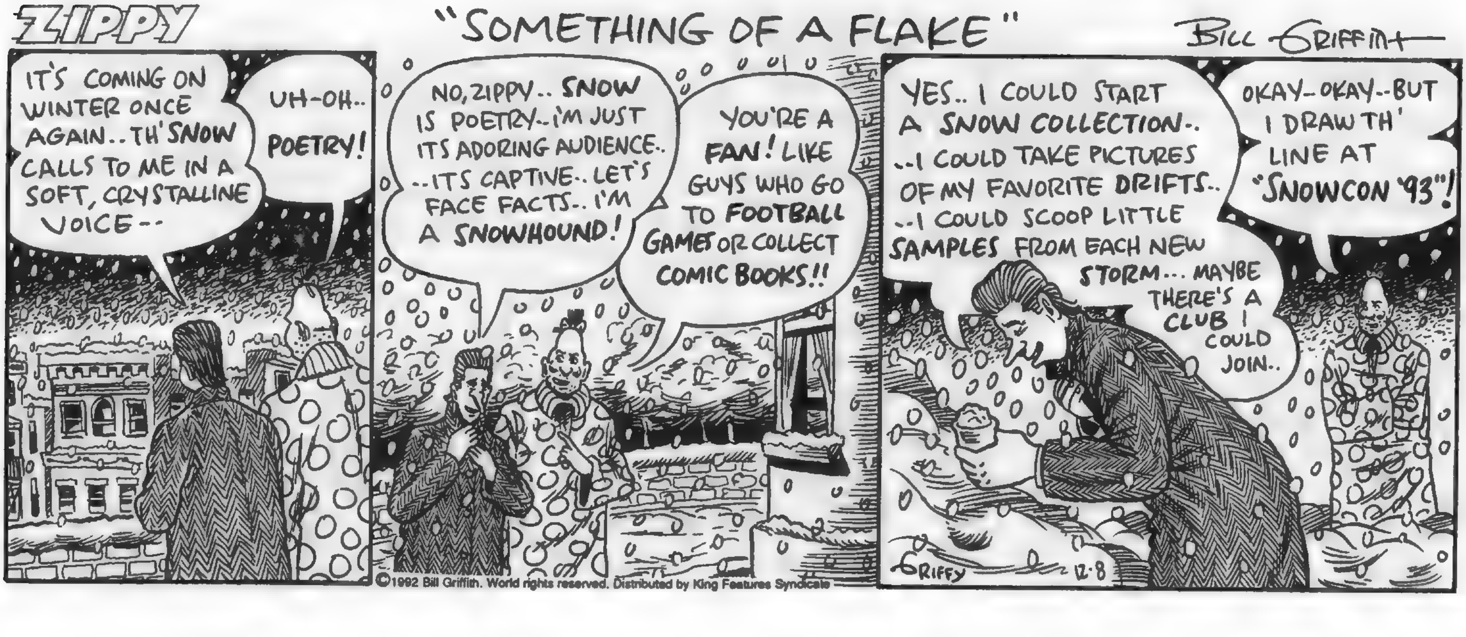
I THINK YOU JUST WENT THROUGH A RED LIGHT...
DID I HIT ANYTHING?


ZIPPY
"SOMETHING OF A FLAKE"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S COMING ON WINTER ONCE AGAIN.. TH' SNOW CALLS TO ME IN A SOFT, CRYSTALLINE VOICE--
UH-OH.. POETRY!
NO, ZIPPY.. SNOW IS POETRY.. I'M JUST ITS ADORING AUDIENCE.. ..ITS CAPTIVE.. LET'S FACE FACTS.. I'M A SNOWHOUND!
YOU'RE A FAN! LIKE GUYS WHO GO TO FOOTBALL GAMES OR COLLECT COMIC BOOKS!!
YES.. I COULD START A SNOW COLLECTION.. ..I COULD TAKE PICTURES OF MY FAVORITE DRIFTS.. ..I COULD SCOOP LITTLE SAMPLES FROM EACH NEW STORM... MAYBE THERE'S A CLUB I COULD JOIN..
OKAY--OKAY--BUT I DRAW TH' LINE AT "SNOWCON '93"!
GRIFFY
12-8
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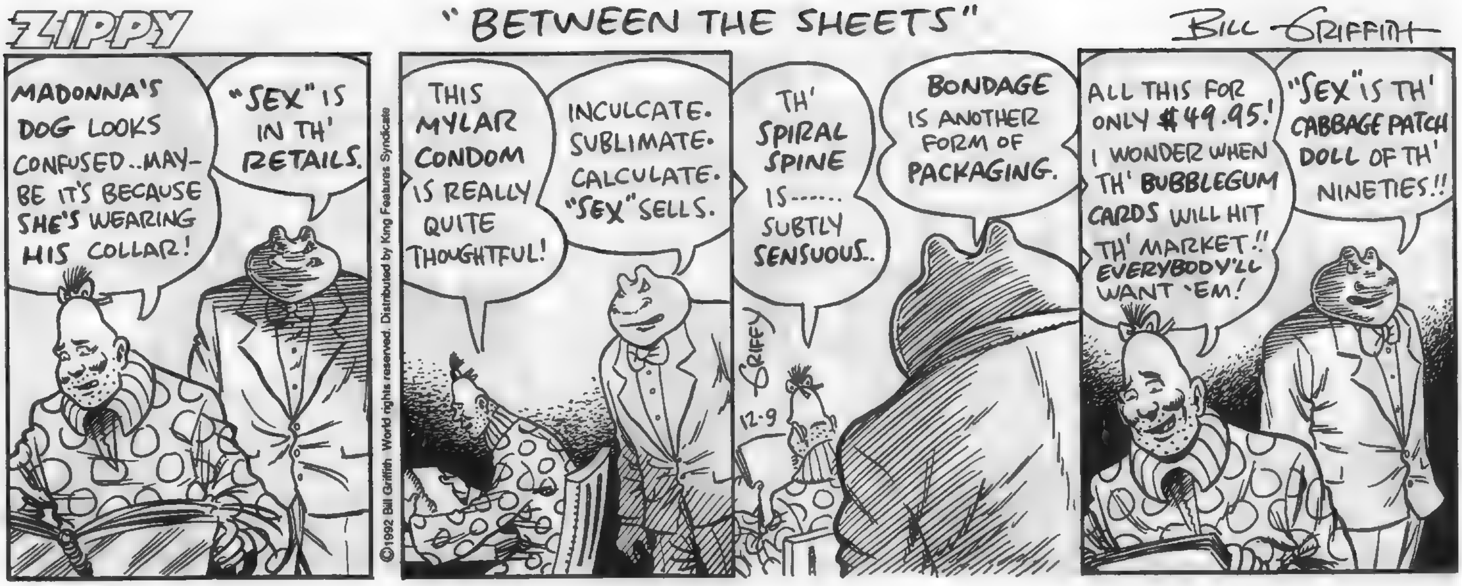
ZIPPY
"BETWEEN THE SHEETS"
BILL GRIFFITH
MADONNA'S DOG LOOKS CONFUSED..MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S WEARING HIS COLLAR!
"SEX" IS IN TH' RETAILS.
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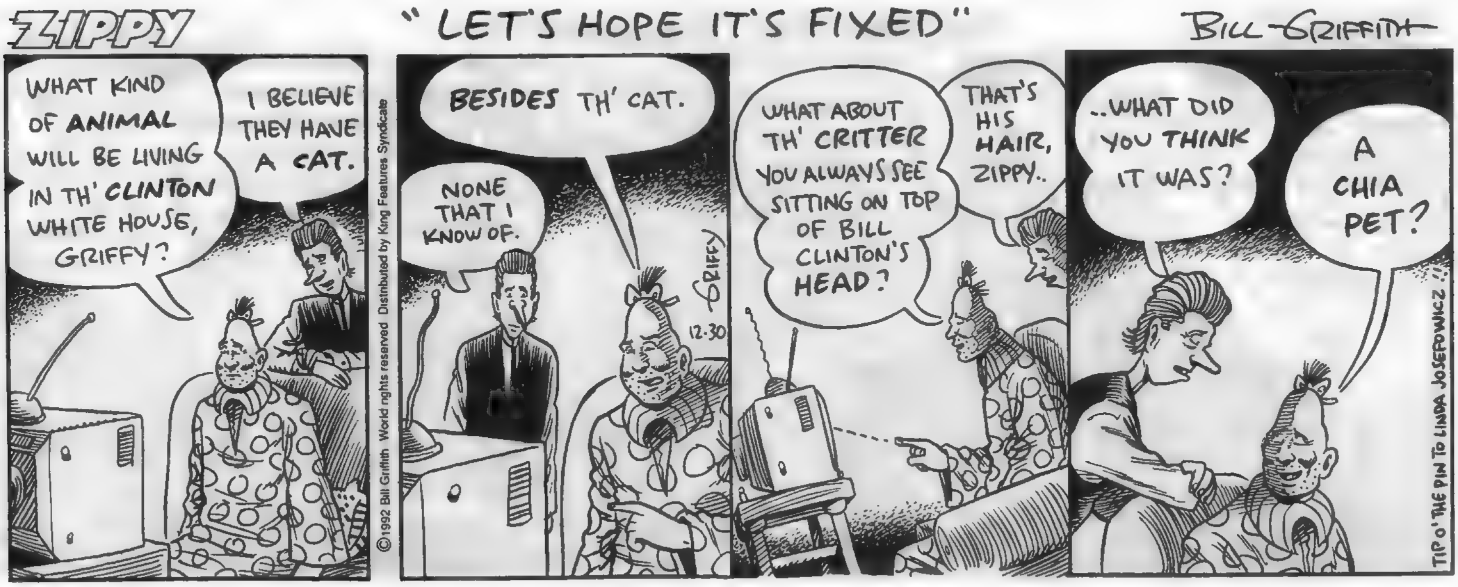
THIS MYLAR CONDOM IS REALLY QUITE THOUGHTFUL!
INCULCATE. SUBLIMATE. CALCULATE. "SEX" SELLS.
TH' SPIRAL SPINE IS...... SUBTLY SENSUOUS..
GRIFFY
12-9
BONDAGE IS ANOTHER FORM OF PACKAGING.
ALL THIS FOR ONLY $49.95! I WONDER WHEN TH' BUBBLEGUM CARDS WILL HIT TH' MARKET!! EVERYBODY'LL WANT 'EM!
"SEX" IS TH' CABBAGE PATCH DOLL OF TH' NINETIES!!


ZIPPY
"LET'S HOPE IT'S FIXED"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT KIND OF ANIMAL WILL BE LIVING IN TH' CLINTON WHITE HOUSE, GRIFFY?
I BELIEVE THEY HAVE A CAT.
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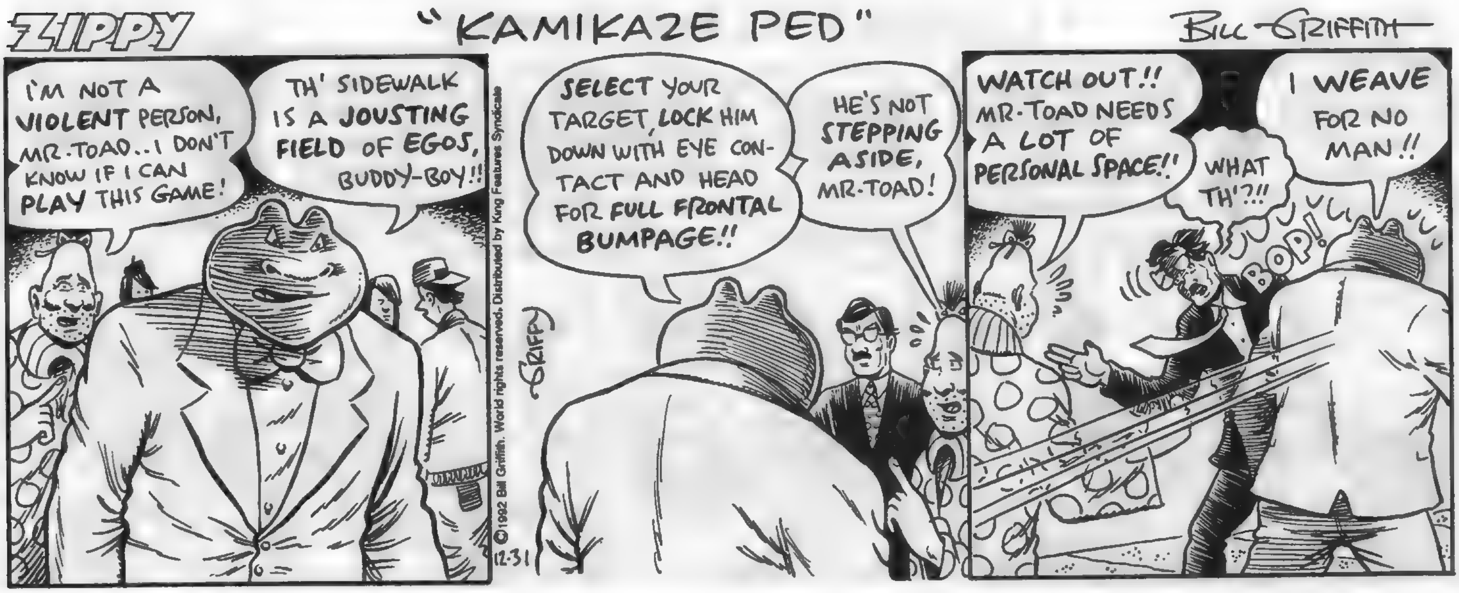
BESIDES TH' CAT.
NONE THAT I KNOW OF.
GRIFFY
12-30
WHAT ABOUT TH' CRITTER YOU ALWAYS SEE SITTING ON TOP OF BILL CLINTON'S HEAD?
THAT'S HIS HAIR, ZIPPY..
..WHAT DID YOU THINK IT WAS?
A CHIA PET?
TIP O' THE PIN TO LINDA JOSEFOWICZ


ZIPPY
"KAMIKAZE PED"
BILL GRIFFITH
I'M NOT A VIOLENT PERSON, MR. TOAD..I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN PLAY THIS GAME!
TH' SIDEWALK IS A JOUSTING FIELD OF EGOS, BUDDY-BOY!!
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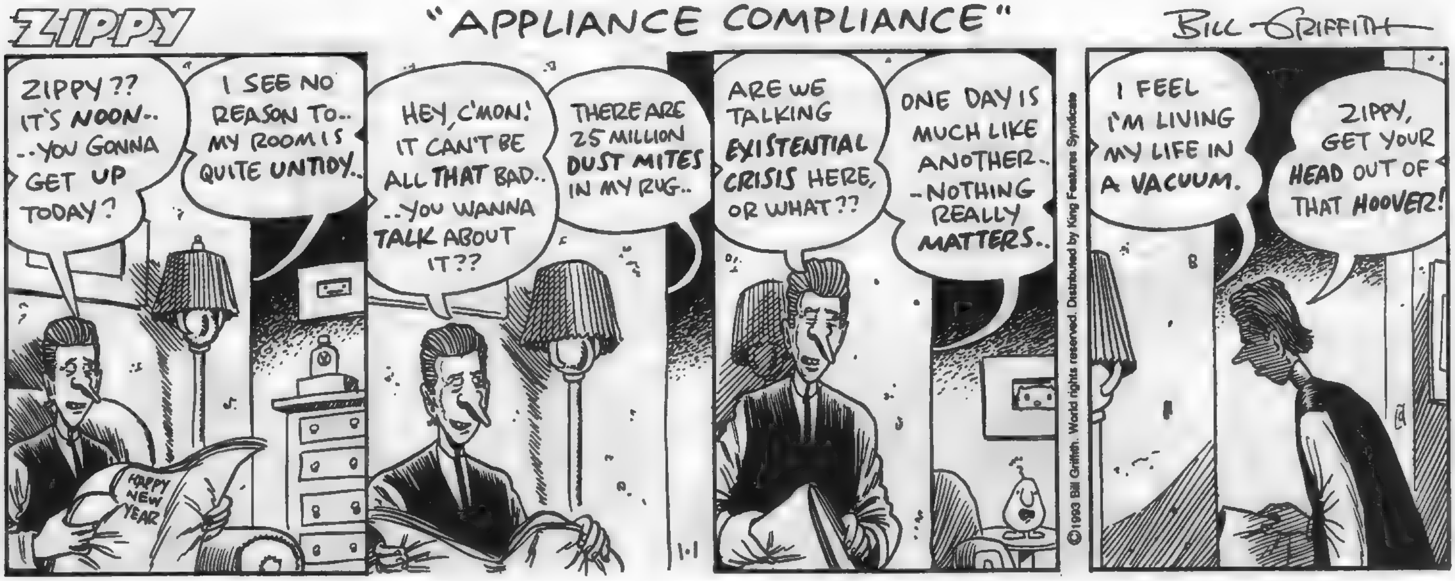
12-31
SELECT YOUR TARGET, LOCK HIM DOWN WITH EYE CONTACT AND HEAD FOR FULL FRONTAL BUMPAGE!!
GRIFFY
HE'S NOT STEPPING ASIDE, MR. TOAD!
WATCH OUT!! MR. TOAD NEEDS A LOT OF PERSONAL SPACE!!
WHAT TH'?!!
BOP!
I WEAVE FOR NO MAN!!


ZIPPY
"APPLIANCE COMPLIANCE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY?? IT'S NOON.. ..YOU GONNA GET UP TODAY?
I SEE NO REASON TO.. MY ROOM IS QUITE UNTIDY..
HAPPY NEW YEAR
HEY, C'MON! IT CAN'T BE ALL THAT BAD.. ..YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT IT??
THERE ARE 25 MILLION DUST MITES IN MY RUG..
1-1
ARE WE TALKING EXISTENTIAL CRISIS HERE, OR WHAT??
ONE DAY IS MUCH LIKE ANOTHER.. ..NOTHING REALLY MATTERS..
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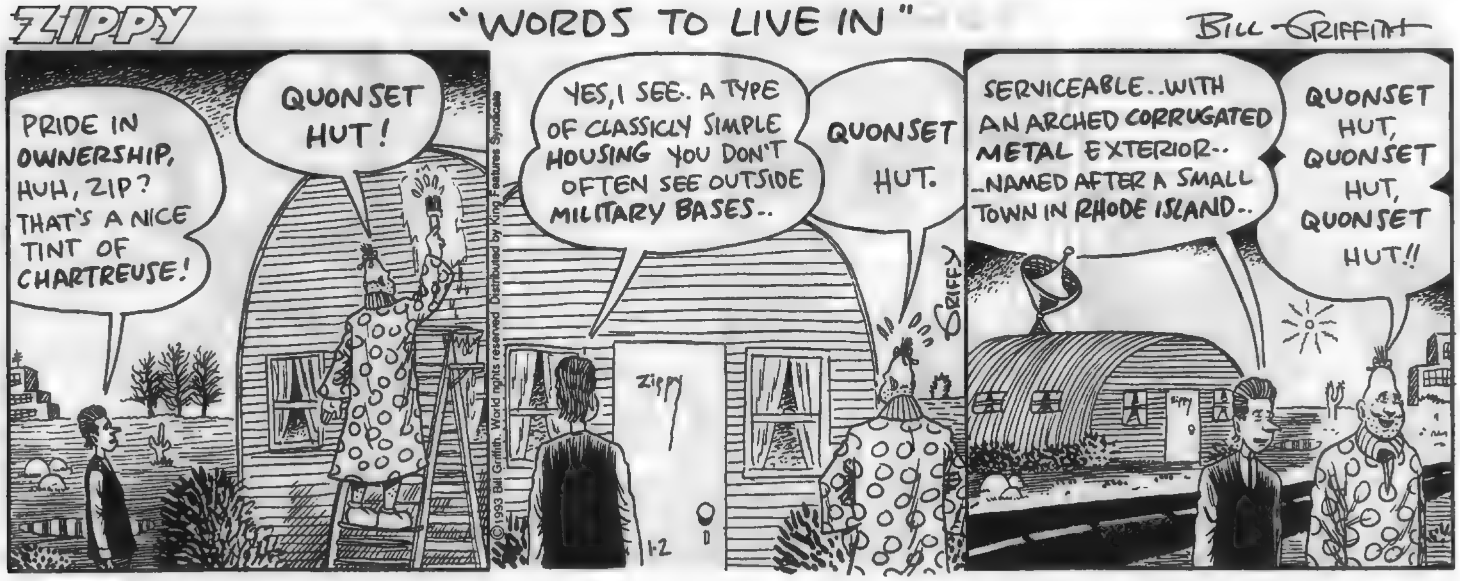
I FEEL I'M LIVING MY LIFE IN A VACUUM.
ZIPPY, GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF THAT HOOVER!


ZIPPY
"WORDS TO LIVE IN"
BILL GRIFFITH
PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP, HUH, ZIP? THAT'S A NICE TINT OF CHARTREUSE!
QUONSET HUT!
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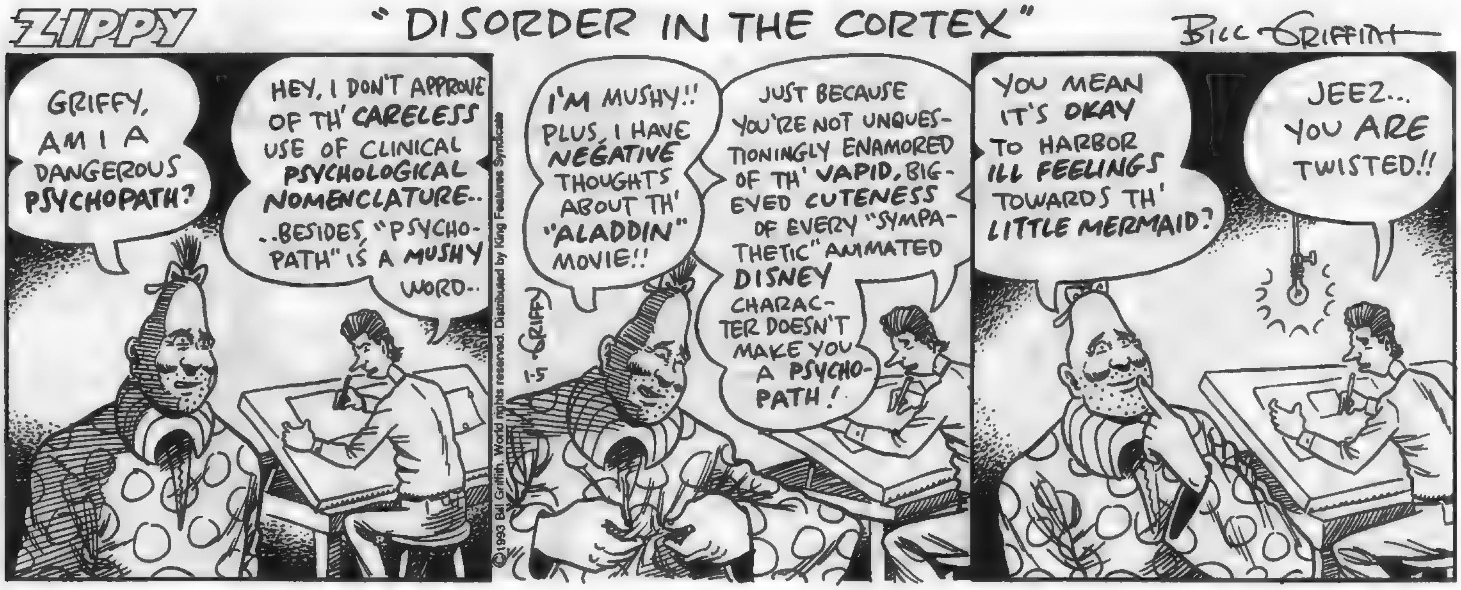
YES, I SEE.. A TYPE OF CLASSICLY SIMPLE HOUSING YOU DON'T OFTEN SEE OUTSIDE MILITARY BASES..
QUONSET HUT.
ZIPPY
GRIFFY
1-2
SERVICEABLE..WITH AN ARCHED CORRUGATED METAL EXTERIOR.. ..NAMED AFTER A SMALL TOWN IN RHODE ISLAND..
QUONSET HUT, QUONSET HUT, QUONSET HUT!!


ZIPPY
"DISORDER IN THE CORTEX"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, AM I A DANGEROUS PSYCHOPATH?
HEY, I DON'T APPROVE OF TH' CARELESS USE OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE.. ..BESIDES, "PSYCHOPATH" IS A MUSHY WORD..
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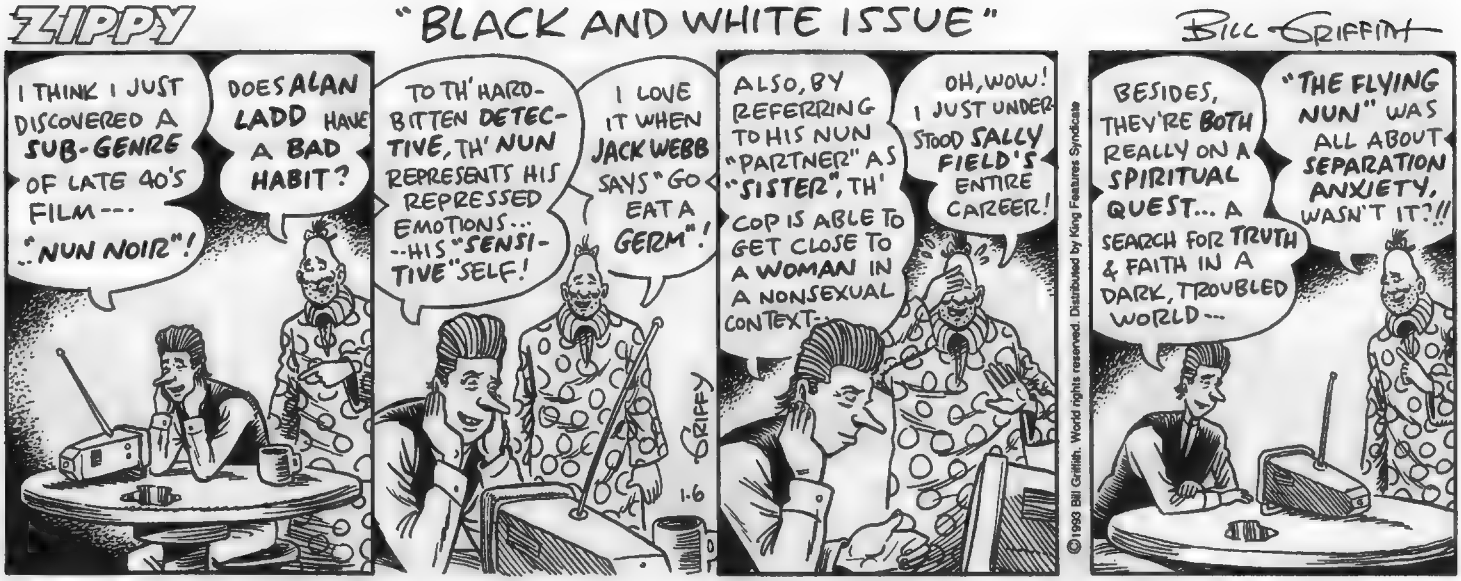
I'M MUSHY!! PLUS, I HAVE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS ABOUT TH' "ALADDIN" MOVIE!!
GRIFFY
1-5
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT UNQUESTIONINGLY ENAMORED OF TH' VAPID, BIG-EYED CUTENESS OF EVERY "SYMPATHETIC" ANIMATED DISNEY CHARACTER DOESN'T MAKE YOU A PSYCHOPATH!
YOU MEAN IT'S OKAY TO HARBOR ILL FEELINGS TOWARDS TH' LITTLE MERMAID?
JEEZ... YOU ARE TWISTED!!


ZIPPY
"BLACK AND WHITE ISSUE"
BILL GRIFFITH
I THINK I JUST DISCOVERED A SUB-GENRE OF LATE 40'S FILM--- .."NUN NOIR"!
DOES ALAN LADD HAVE A BAD HABIT?
TO TH' HARD-BITTEN DETECTIVE, TH' NUN REPRESENTS HIS REPRESSED EMOTIONS.. --HIS "SENSITIVE" SELF!
I LOVE IT WHEN JACK WEBB SAYS "GO EAT A GERM"!
GRIFFY
1·6
ALSO, BY REFERRING TO HIS NUN "PARTNER" AS "SISTER", TH' COP IS ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO A WOMAN IN A NONSEXUAL CONTEXT..
OH, WOW! I JUST UNDERSTOOD SALLY FIELD'S ENTIRE CAREER!
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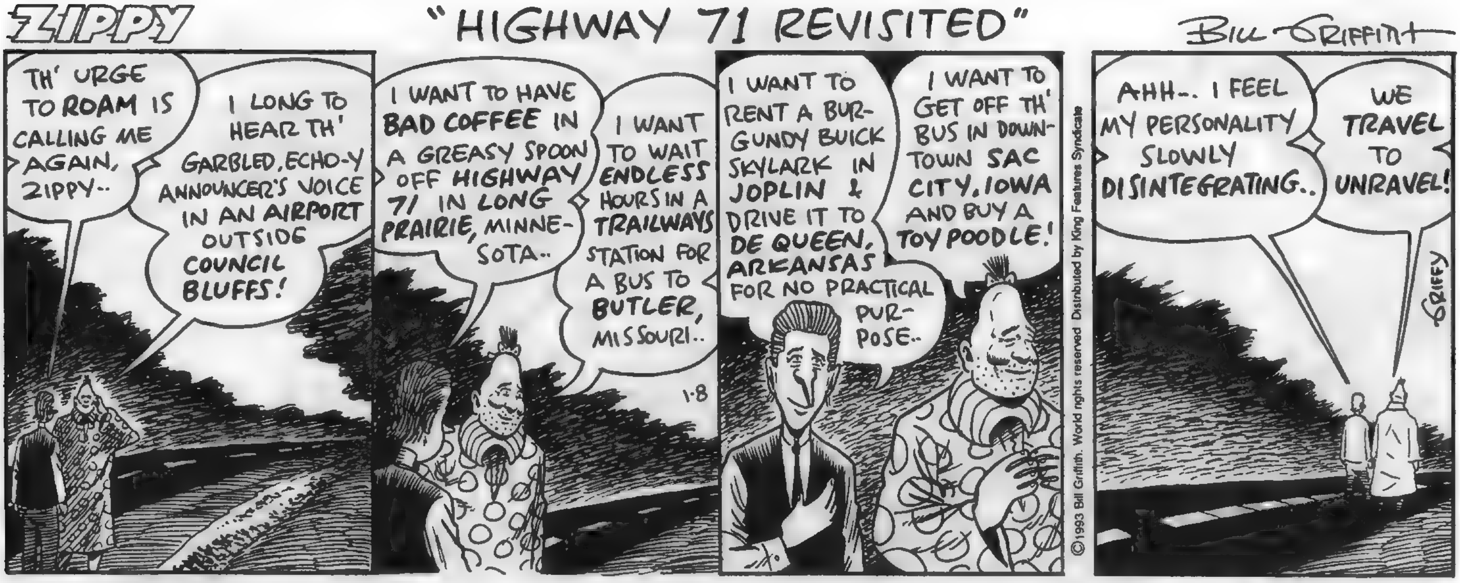
BESIDES, THEY'RE BOTH REALLY ON A SPIRITUAL QUEST... A SEARCH FOR TRUTH & FAITH IN A DARK, TROUBLED WORLD---
"THE FLYING NUN" WAS ALL ABOUT SEPARATION ANXIETY, WASN'T IT?!!


ZIPPY
"HIGHWAY 71 REVISITED"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' URGE TO ROAM IS CALLING ME AGAIN, ZIPPY..
I LONG TO HEAR TH' GARBLED, ECHO-Y ANNOUNCER'S VOICE IN AN AIRPORT OUTSIDE COUNCIL BLUFFS!
I WANT TO HAVE BAD COFFEE IN A GREASY SPOON OFF HIGHWAY 71 IN LONG PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA..
I WANT TO WAIT ENDLESS HOURS IN A TRAILWAYS STATION FOR A BUS TO BUTLER, MISSOURI..
1·8
I WANT TO RENT A BURGUNDY BUICK SKYLARK IN JOPLIN & DRIVE IT TO DE QUEEN, ARKANSAS FOR NO PRACTICAL PURPOSE..
I WANT TO GET OFF TH' BUS IN DOWNTOWN SAC CITY, IOWA AND BUY A TOY POODLE!
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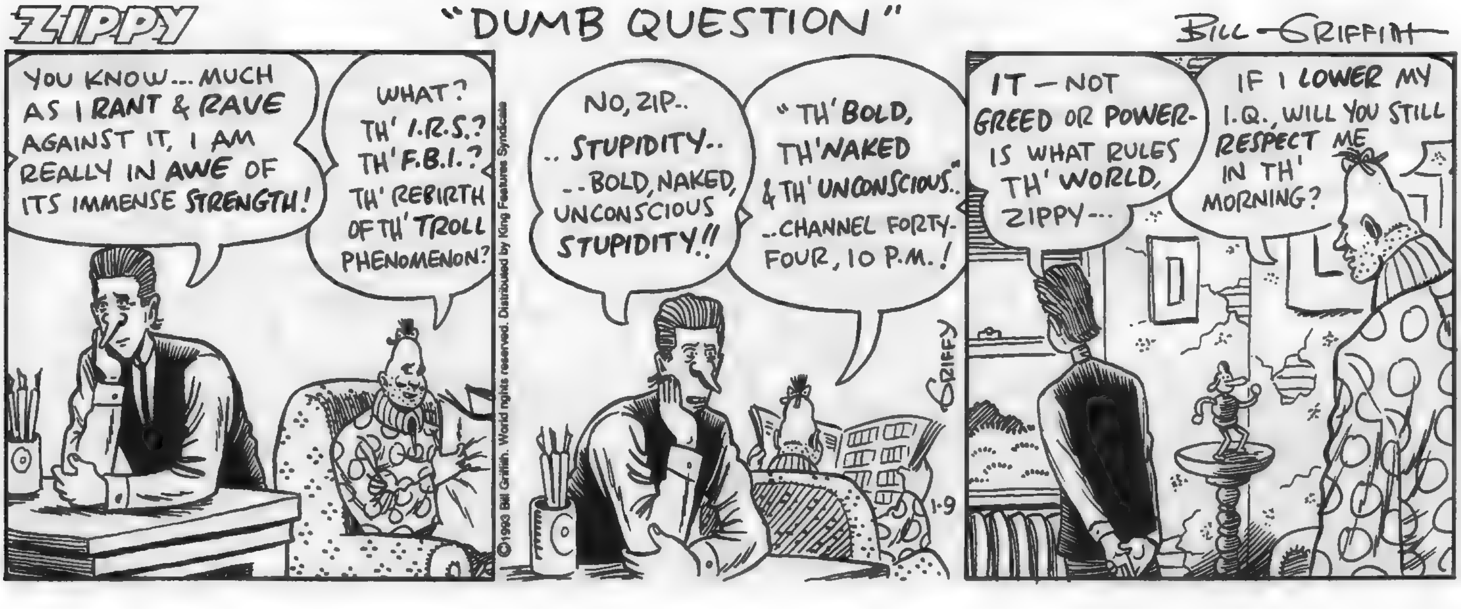
AHH.. I FEEL MY PERSONALITY SLOWLY DISINTEGRATING..
WE TRAVEL TO UNRAVEL!
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"DUMB QUESTION"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU KNOW... MUCH AS I RANT & RAVE AGAINST IT, I AM REALLY IN AWE OF ITS IMMENSE STRENGTH!
WHAT? TH' I.R.S.? TH' F.B.I.? TH' REBIRTH OF TH' TROLL PHENOMENON?
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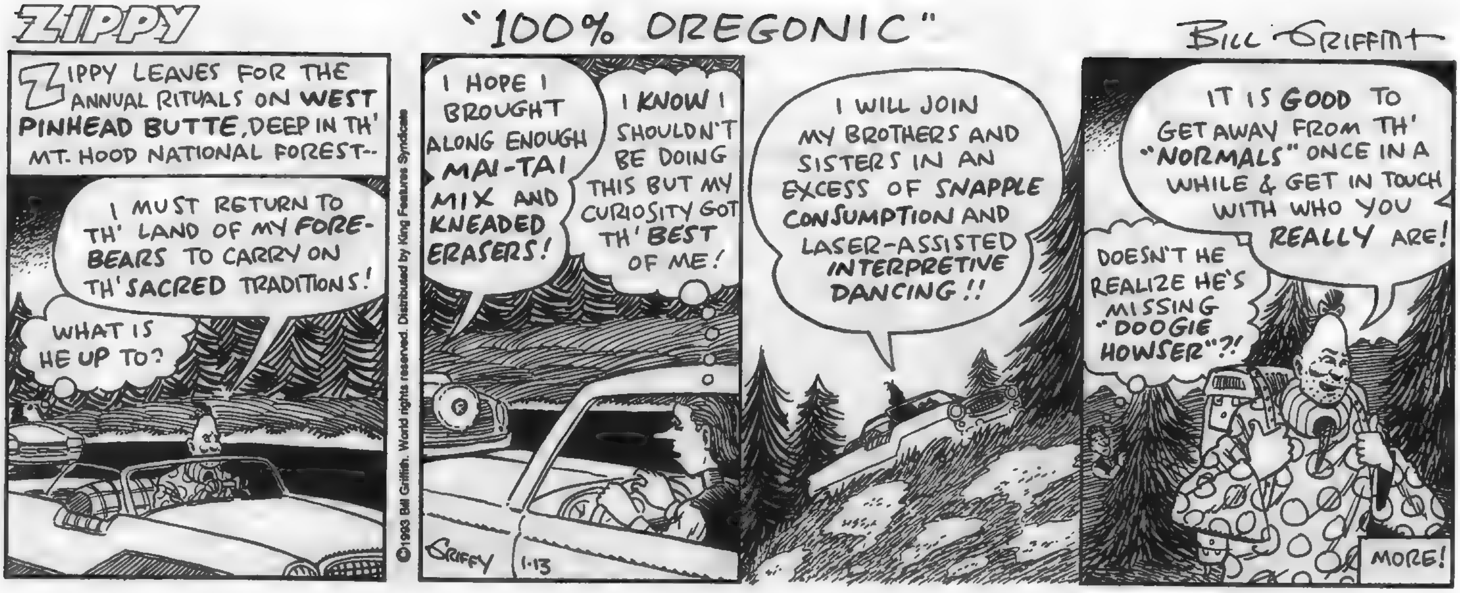
NO, ZIP.. .. STUPIDITY.. ..BOLD, NAKED, UNCONSCIOUS STUPIDITY!!
"TH' BOLD, TH' NAKED & TH' UNCONSCIOUS".. ..CHANNEL FORTY-FOUR, 10 P.M.!
GRIFFY
1·9
IT — NOT GREED OR POWER — IS WHAT RULES TH' WORLD, ZIPPY---
IF I LOWER MY I.Q., WILL YOU STILL RESPECT ME IN TH' MORNING?


ZIPPY
"100% OREGONIC"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY LEAVES FOR THE ANNUAL RITUALS ON WEST PINHEAD BUTTE, DEEP IN TH' MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST--
I MUST RETURN TO TH' LAND OF MY FOREBEARS TO CARRY ON TH' SACRED TRADITIONS!
WHAT IS HE UP TO?
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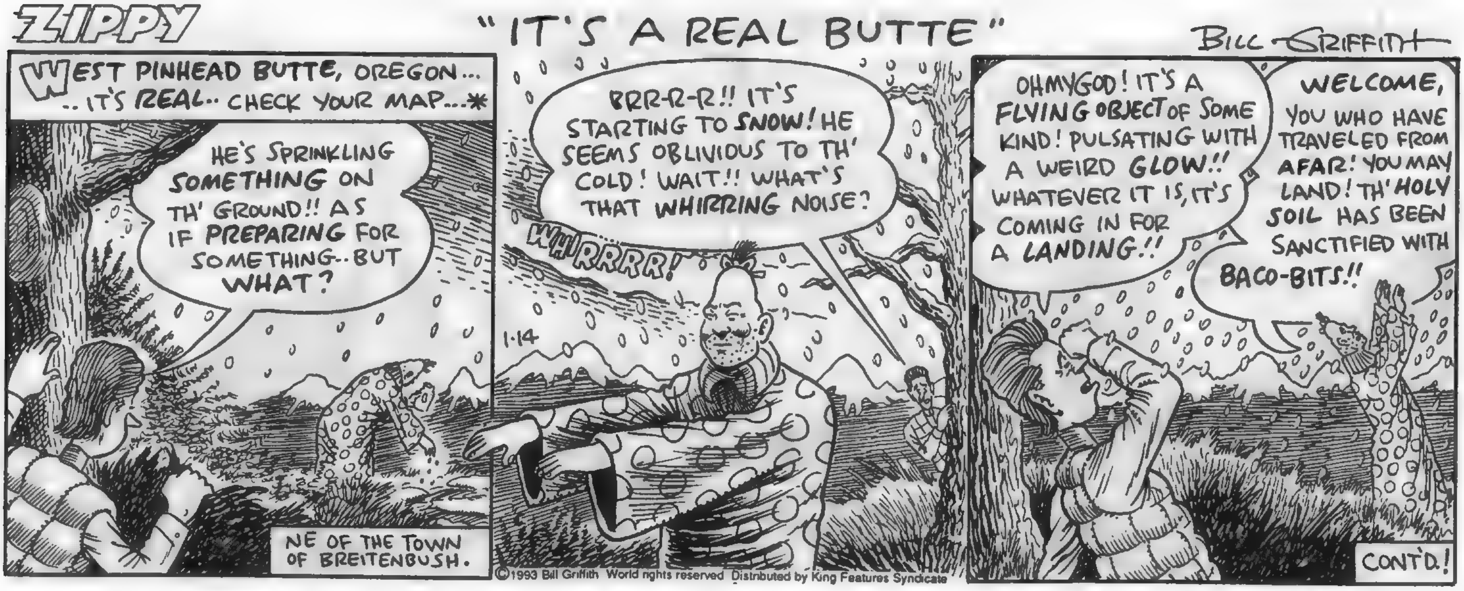
I HOPE I BROUGHT ALONG ENOUGH MAI-TAI MIX AND KNEADED ERASERS!
I KNOW I SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS BUT MY CURIOSITY GOT TH' BEST OF ME!
GRIFFY 1-13
I WILL JOIN MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN AN EXCESS OF SNAPPLE CONSUMPTION AND LASER-ASSISTED INTERPRETIVE DANCING!!
IT IS GOOD TO GET AWAY FROM TH' "NORMALS" ONCE IN A WHILE & GET IN TOUCH WITH WHO YOU REALLY ARE!
DOESN'T HE REALIZE HE'S MISSING "DOOGIE HOWSER"?!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"IT'S A REAL BUTTE"
BILL GRIFFITH
WEST PINHEAD BUTTE, OREGON... ..IT'S REAL.. CHECK YOUR MAP...*
HE'S SPRINKLING SOMETHING ON TH' GROUND!! AS IF PREPARING FOR SOMETHING..BUT WHAT?
*NE OF THE TOWN OF BREITENBUSH.
BRRR-R-R!! IT'S STARTING TO SNOW! HE SEEMS OBLIVIOUS TO TH' COLD! WAIT!! WHAT'S THAT WHIRRING NOISE?
WHIRRRRR!
1-14
OHMYGOD! IT'S A FLYING OBJECT OF SOME KIND! PULSATING WITH A WEIRD GLOW!! WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S COMING IN FOR A LANDING!!
WELCOME, YOU WHO HAVE TRAVELED FROM AFAR! YOU MAY LAND! TH' HOLY SOIL HAS BEEN SANCTIFIED WITH BACO-BITS!!
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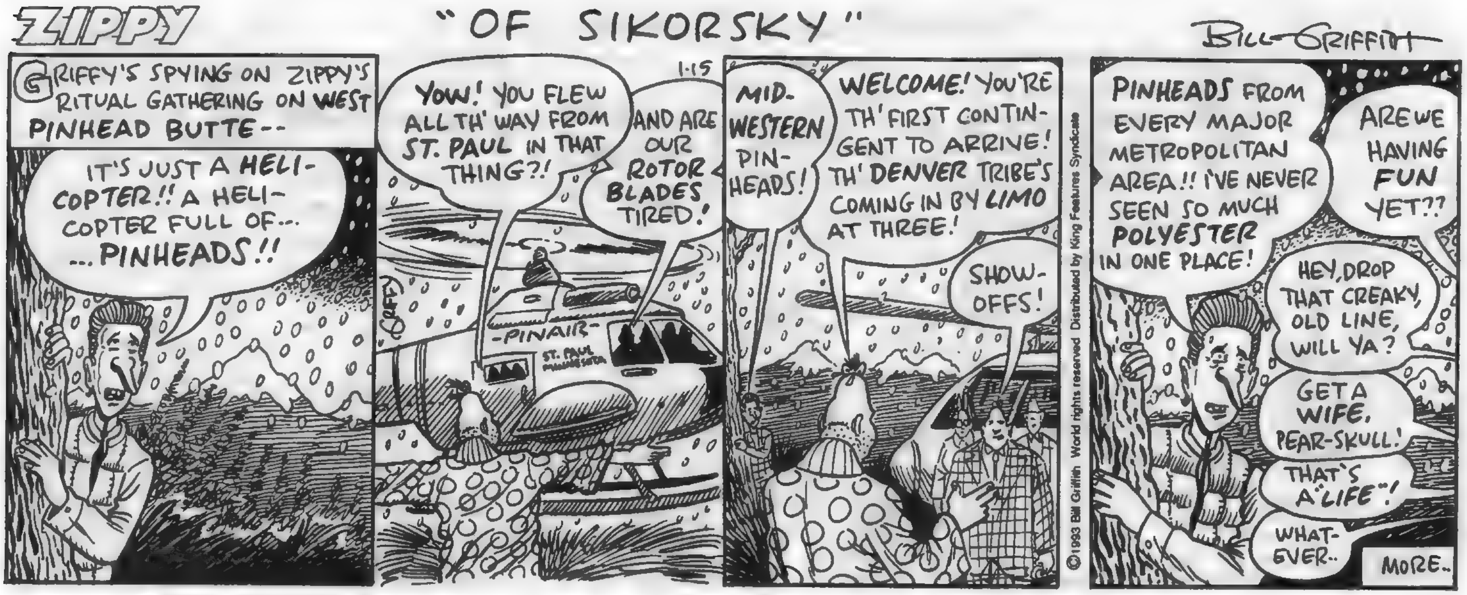
ZIPPY
"OF SIKORSKY"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY'S SPYING ON ZIPPY'S RITUAL GATHERING ON WEST PINHEAD BUTTE--
IT'S JUST A HELICOPTER!! A HELICOPTER FULL OF-- ...PINHEADS!!
YOW! YOU FLEW ALL TH' WAY FROM ST. PAUL IN THAT THING?!
AND ARE OUR ROTOR BLADES TIRED!
1-15
GRIFFY
-PINAIR-
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA
MID-WESTERN PINHEADS!
WELCOME! YOU'RE TH' FIRST CONTINGENT TO ARRIVE! TH' DENVER TRIBE'S COMING IN BY LIMO AT THREE!
SHOW-OFFS!
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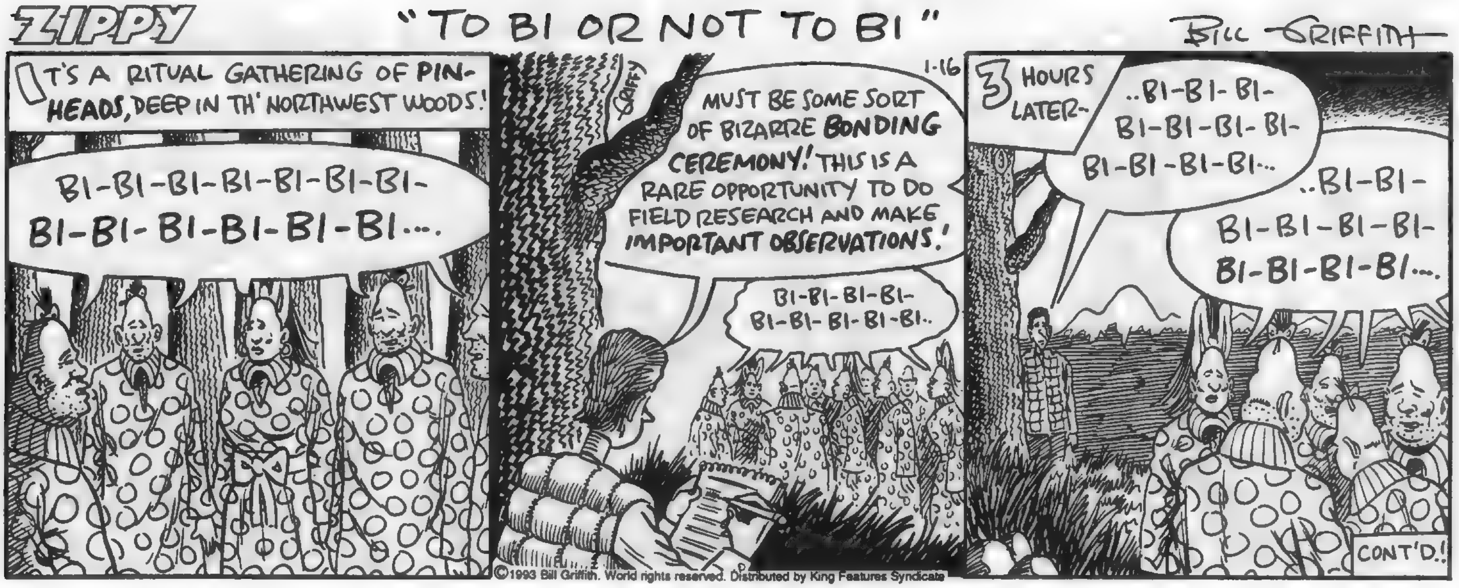
PINHEADS FROM EVERY MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREA!! I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH POLYESTER IN ONE PLACE!
ARE WE HAVING FUN YET??
HEY, DROP THAT CREAKY, OLD LINE, WILL YA?
GET A WIFE, PEAR-SKULL!
THAT'S A "LIFE"!
WHAT-EVER..
MORE..


ZIPPY
"TO BI OR NOT TO BI"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S A RITUAL GATHERING OF PINHEADS, DEEP IN TH' NORTHWEST WOODS!
BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI....
1-16
GRIFFY
MUST BE SOME SORT OF BIZARRE BONDING CEREMONY! THIS IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO DO FIELD RESEARCH AND MAKE IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS!
BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI..
3 HOURS LATER-
..BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI...
..BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI-BI....
CONT'D.!
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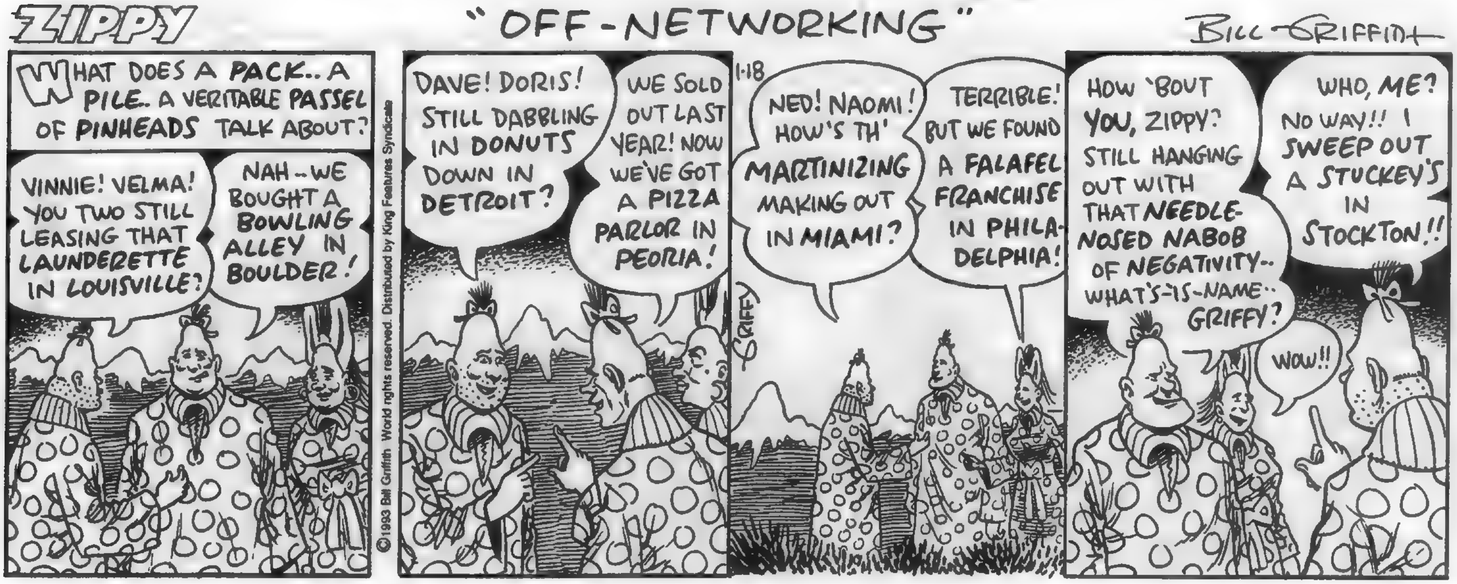
ZIPPY
"OFF-NETWORKING"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT DOES A PACK.. A PILE.. A VERITABLE PASSEL OF PINHEADS TALK ABOUT?
VINNIE! VELMA! YOU TWO STILL LEASING THAT LAUNDERETTE IN LOUISVILLE?
NAH-WE BOUGHT A BOWLING ALLEY IN BOULDER!
DAVE! DORIS! STILL DABBLING IN DONUTS DOWN IN DETROIT?
WE SOLD OUT LAST YEAR! NOW WE'VE GOT A PIZZA PARLOR IN PEORIA!
1-18
GRIFFY
NED! NAOMI! HOW'S TH' MARTINIZING MAKING OUT IN MIAMI?
TERRIBLE! BUT WE FOUND A FALAFEL FRANCHISE IN PHILADELPHIA!
HOW 'BOUT YOU, ZIPPY? STILL HANGING OUT WITH THAT NEEDLE-NOSED NABOB OF NEGATIVITY.. WHAT'S-IS-NAME.. GRIFFY?
WHO, ME? NO WAY!! I SWEEP OUT A STUCKEY'S IN STOCKTON!!
WOW!!
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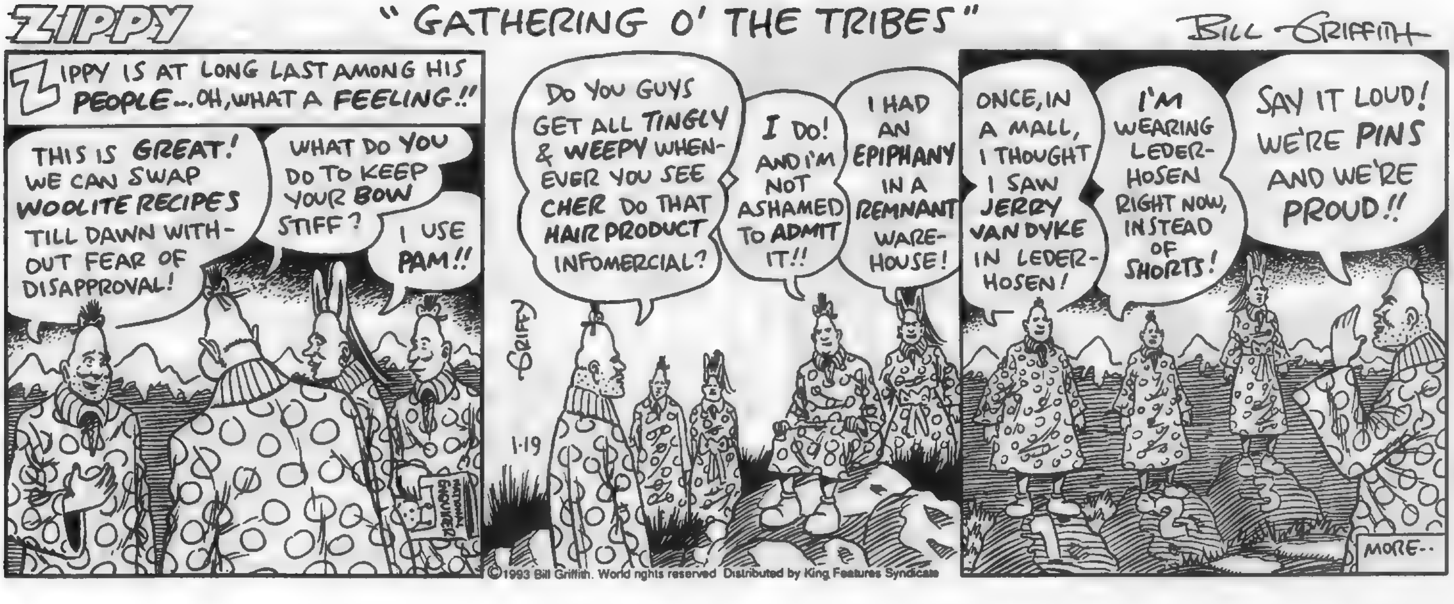
ZIPPY
"GATHERING O' THE TRIBES"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY IS AT LONG LAST AMONG HIS PEOPLE...OH, WHAT A FEELING!!
THIS IS GREAT! WE CAN SWAP WOOLITE RECIPES TILL DAWN WITHOUT FEAR OF DISAPPROVAL!
WHAT DO YOU DO TO KEEP YOUR BOW STIFF?
I USE PAM!!
NATIONAL ENQUIRER
DO YOU GUYS GET ALL TINGLY & WEEPY WHENEVER YOU SEE CHER DO THAT HAIR PRODUCT INFOMERCIAL?
I DO! AND I'M NOT ASHAMED TO ADMIT IT!!
I HAD AN EPIPHANY IN A REMNANT WAREHOUSE!
GRIFFY
1-19
ONCE, IN A MALL, I THOUGHT I SAW JERRY VAN DYKE IN LEDERHOSEN!
I'M WEARING LEDERHOSEN RIGHT NOW, INSTEAD OF SHORTS!
SAY IT LOUD! WE'RE PINS AND WE'RE PROUD!!
MORE..
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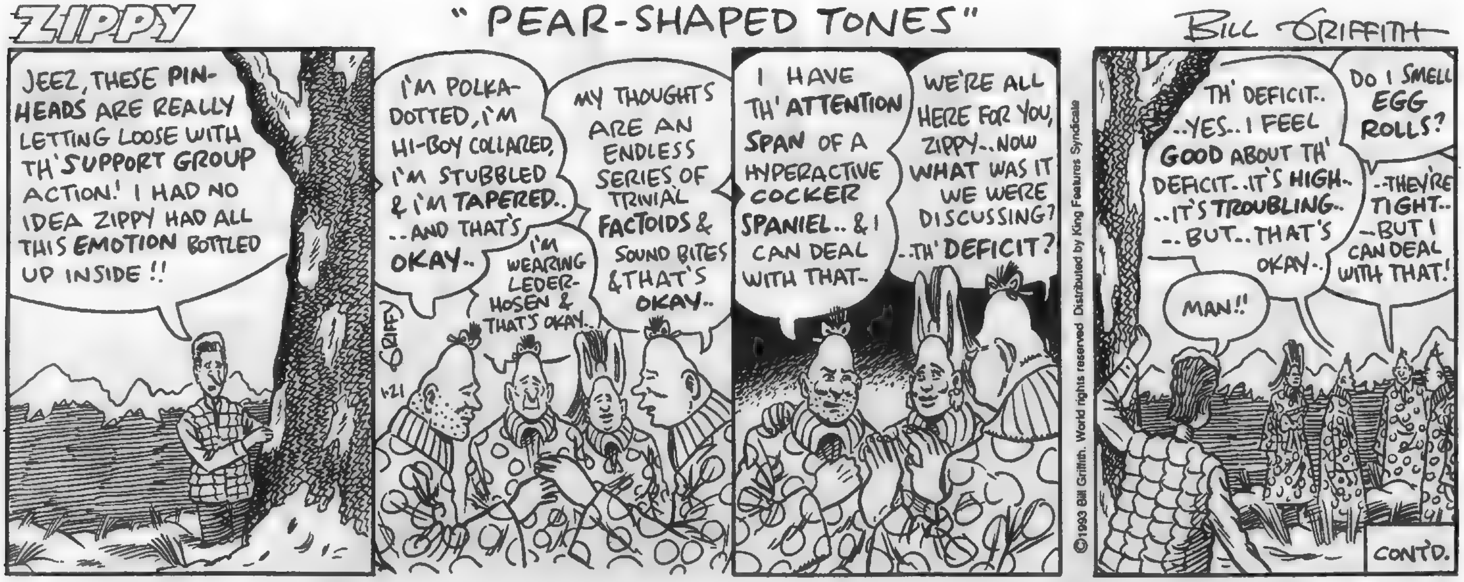
ZIPPY
"PEAR-SHAPED TONES"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ, THESE PINHEADS ARE REALLY LETTING LOOSE WITH TH' SUPPORT GROUP ACTION! I HAD NO IDEA ZIPPY HAD ALL THIS EMOTION BOTTLED UP INSIDE!!
I'M POLKA-DOTTED, I'M HI-BOY COLLARED, I'M STUBBLED & I'M TAPERED.. ..AND THAT'S OKAY..
I'M WEARING LEDERHOSEN & THAT'S OKAY..
MY THOUGHTS ARE AN ENDLESS SERIES OF TRIVIAL FACTOIDS & SOUND BITES & THAT'S OKAY..
GRIFFY
1-21
I HAVE TH' ATTENTION SPAN OF A HYPERACTIVE COCKER SPANIEL.. & I CAN DEAL WITH THAT..
WE'RE ALL HERE FOR YOU, ZIPPY.. NOW WHAT WAS IT WE WERE DISCUSSING? ..TH' DEFICIT?
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TH' DEFICIT.. ..YES.. I FEEL GOOD ABOUT TH' DEFICIT.. IT'S HIGH.. ..IT'S TROUBLING.. ..BUT.. THAT'S OKAY..
DO I SMELL EGG ROLLS?
..THEY'RE TIGHT.. ..BUT I CAN DEAL WITH THAT!
MAN!!
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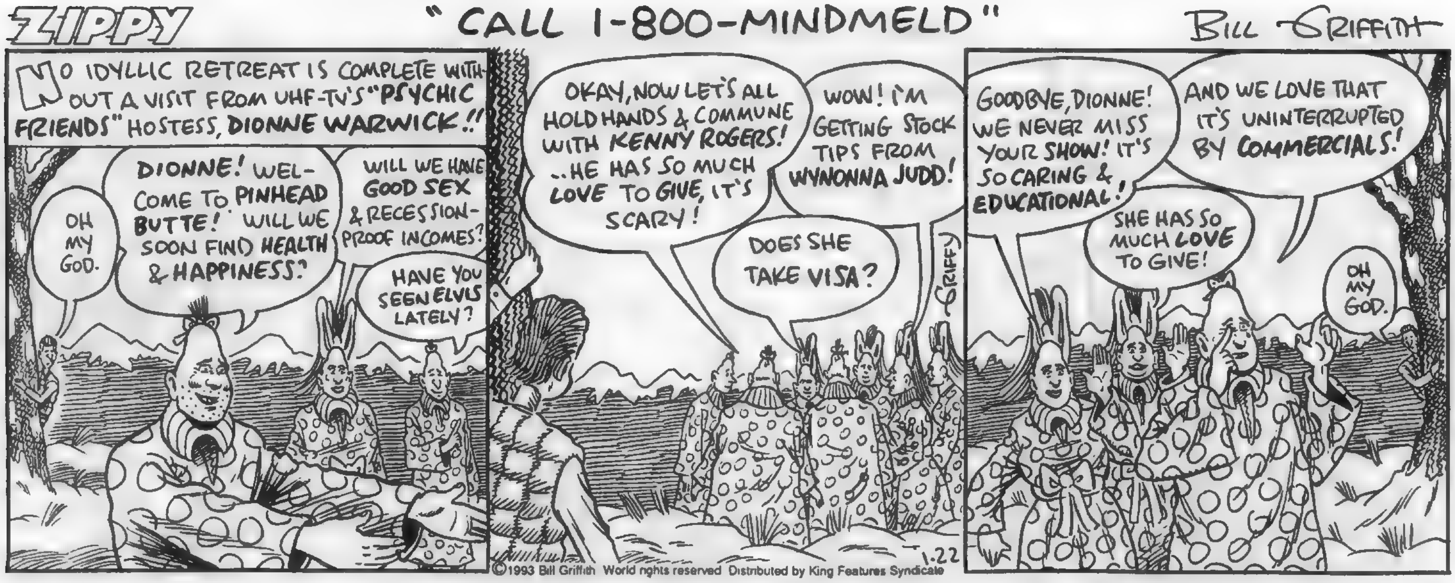
ZIPPY
"CALL 1-800-MINDMELD"
BILL GRIFFITH
NO IDYLLIC RETREAT IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A VISIT FROM UHF-TV'S "PSYCHIC FRIENDS" HOSTESS, DIONNE WARWICK!!
OH MY GOD.
DIONNE! WELCOME TO PINHEAD BUTTE! WILL WE SOON FIND HEALTH & HAPPINESS?
WILL WE HAVE GOOD SEX & RECESSION-PROOF INCOMES?
HAVE YOU SEEN ELVIS LATELY?
OKAY, NOW LET'S ALL HOLD HANDS & COMMUNE WITH KENNY ROGERS! ..HE HAS SO MUCH LOVE TO GIVE, IT'S SCARY!
WOW! I'M GETTING STOCK TIPS FROM WYNONNA JUDD!
DOES SHE TAKE VISA?
GRIFFY
1-22
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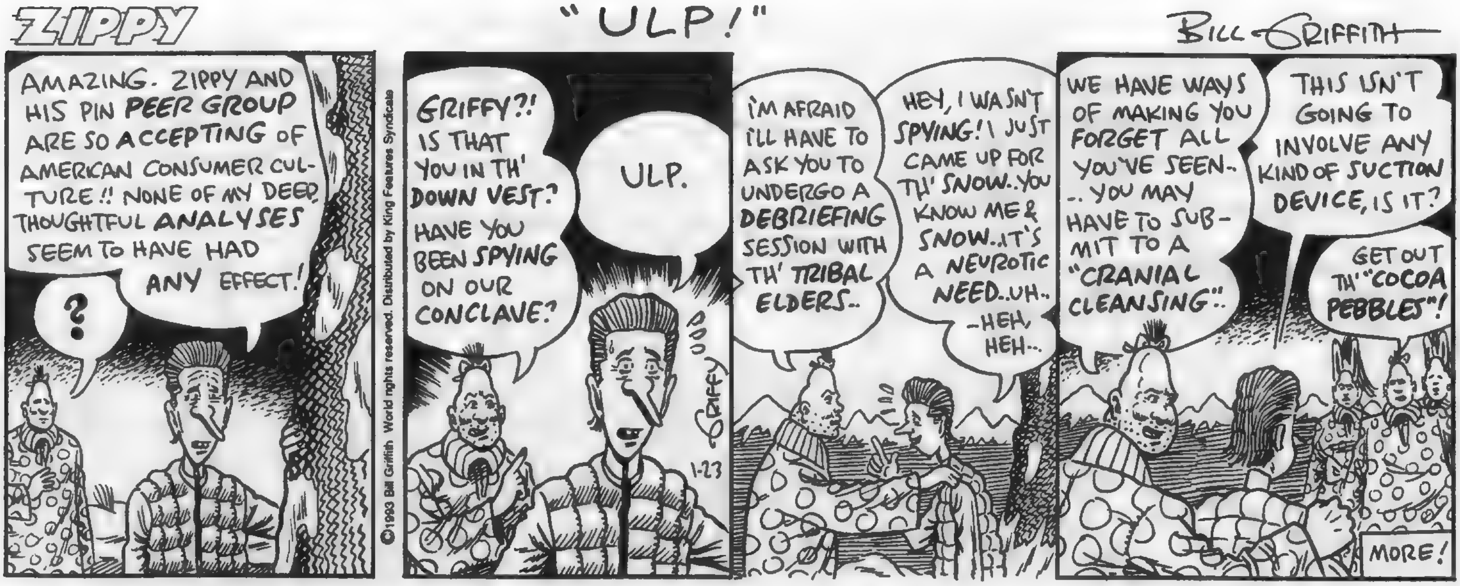
GOODBYE, DIONNE! WE NEVER MISS YOUR SHOW! IT'S SO CARING & EDUCATIONAL!
AND WE LOVE THAT IT'S UNINTERRUPTED BY COMMERCIALS!
SHE HAS SO MUCH LOVE TO GIVE!
OH MY GOD.


ZIPPY
"ULP!"
BILL GRIFFITH
AMAZING. ZIPPY AND HIS PIN PEER GROUP ARE SO ACCEPTING OF AMERICAN CONSUMER CULTURE!! NONE OF MY DEEP, THOUGHTFUL ANALYSES SEEM TO HAVE HAD ANY EFFECT!
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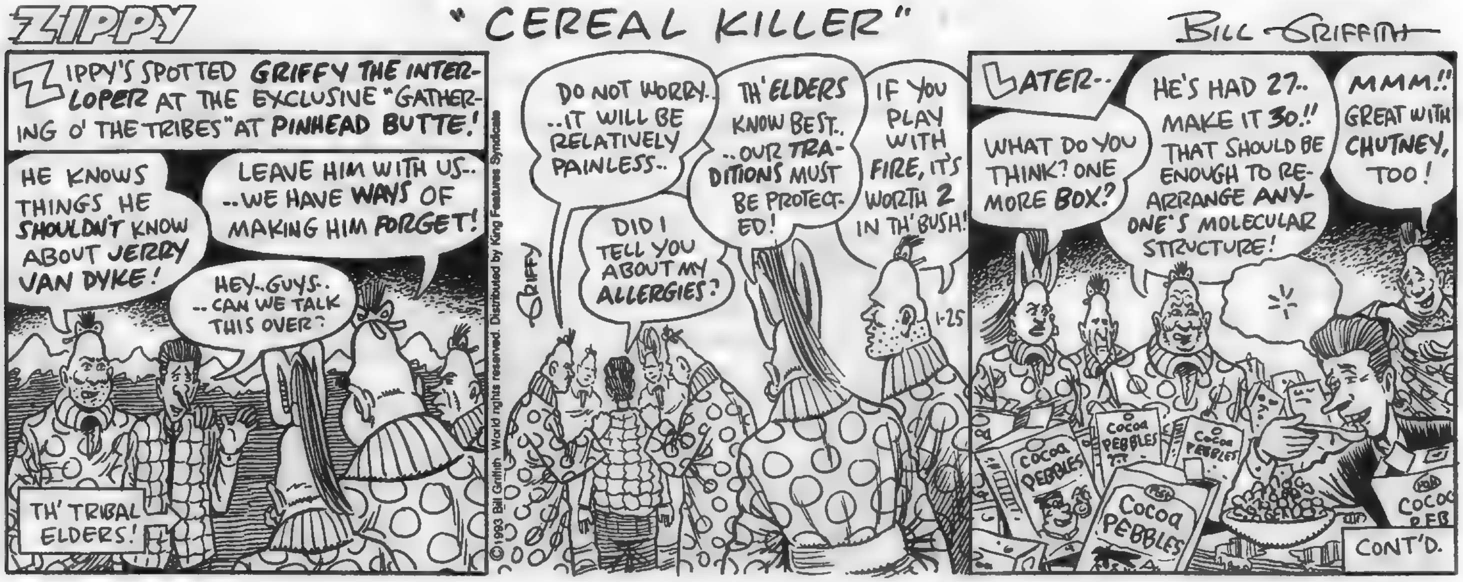
GRIFFY?! IS THAT YOU IN TH' DOWN VEST? HAVE YOU BEEN SPYING ON OUR CONCLAVE?
ULP.
GRIFFY
1-23
I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO UNDERGO A DEBRIEFING SESSION WITH TH' TRIBAL ELDERS..
HEY, I WASN'T SPYING! I JUST CAME UP FOR TH' SNOW.. YOU KNOW ME & SNOW.. IT'S A NEUROTIC NEED.. UH.. -HEH, HEH..
WE HAVE WAYS OF MAKING YOU FORGET ALL YOU'VE SEEN.. ..YOU MAY HAVE TO SUBMIT TO A "CRANIAL CLEANSING"..
THIS ISN'T GOING TO INVOLVE ANY KIND OF SUCTION DEVICE, IS IT?
GET OUT TH' "COCOA PEBBLES"!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"CEREAL KILLER"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY'S SPOTTED GRIFFY THE INTERLOPER AT THE EXCLUSIVE "GATHERING O' THE TRIBES" AT PINHEAD BUTTE!
HE KNOWS THINGS HE SHOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT JERRY VAN DYKE!
LEAVE HIM WITH US.. ..WE HAVE WAYS OF MAKING HIM FORGET!
HEY..GUYS.. ..CAN WE TALK THIS OVER?
TH' TRIBAL ELDERS!
DO NOT WORRY.. ..IT WILL BE RELATIVELY PAINLESS..
DID I TELL YOU ABOUT MY ALLERGIES?
TH' ELDERS KNOW BEST.. ..OUR TRADITIONS MUST BE PROTECTED!
IF YOU PLAY WITH FIRE, IT'S WORTH 2 IN TH' BUSH!
GRIFFY
1-25
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LATER..
WHAT DO YOU THINK? ONE MORE BOX?
HE'S HAD 27.. MAKE IT 30.!! THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO REARRANGE ANYONE'S MOLECULAR STRUCTURE!
MMM!! GREAT WITH CHUTNEY, TOO!
COCOA PEBBLES
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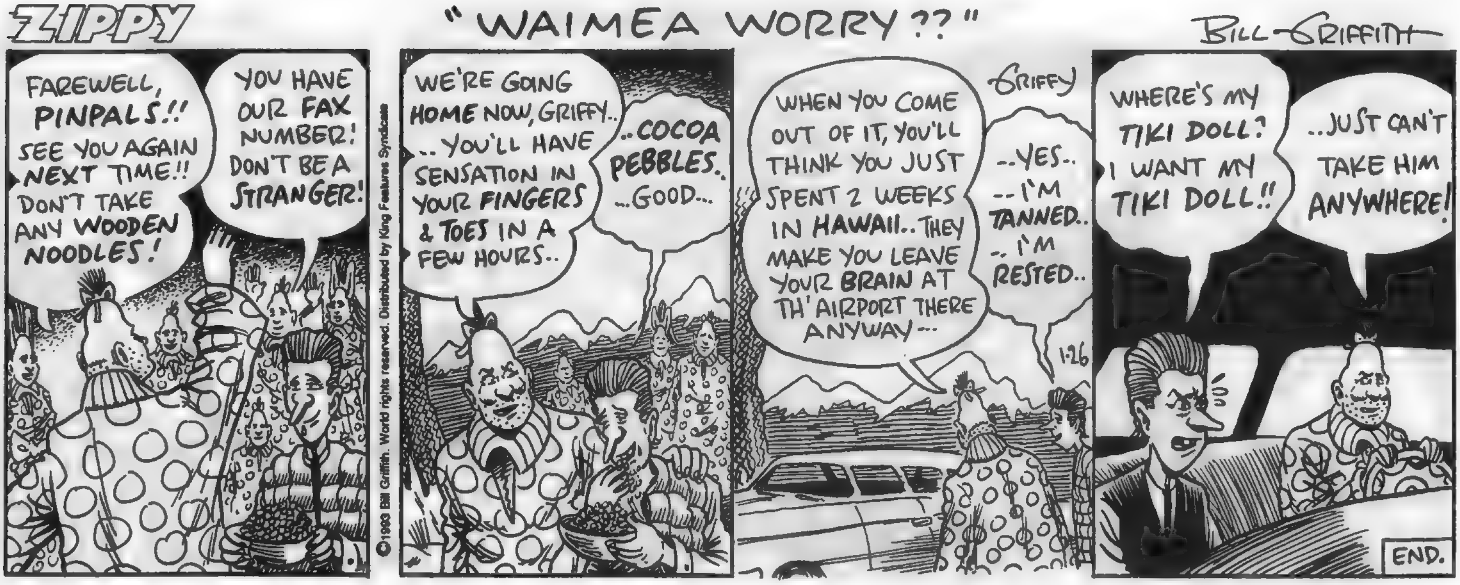
ZIPPY
"WAIMEA WORRY??"
BILL GRIFFITH
FAREWELL, PINPALS!! SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT TIME!! DON'T TAKE ANY WOODEN NOODLES!
YOU HAVE OUR FAX NUMBER! DON'T BE A STRANGER!
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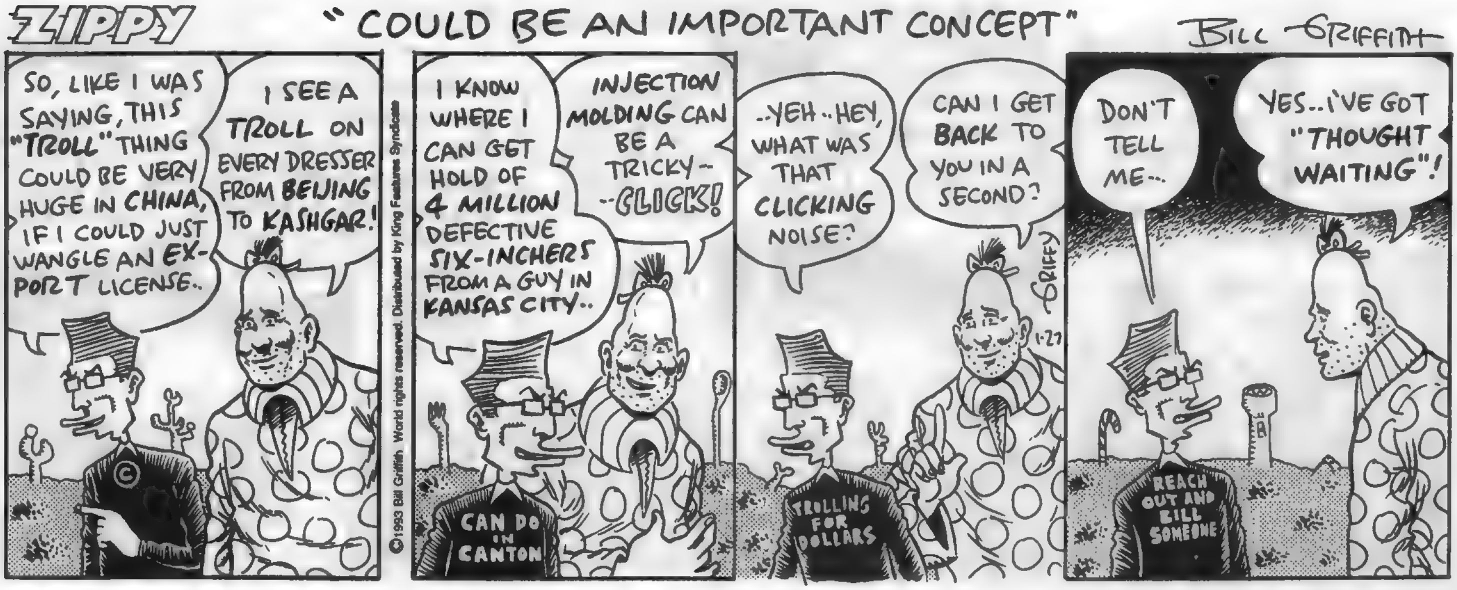
WE'RE GOING HOME NOW, GRIFFY.. ..YOU'LL HAVE SENSATION IN YOUR FINGERS & TOES IN A FEW HOURS..
..COCOA PEBBLES.. ...GOOD...
WHEN YOU COME OUT OF IT, YOU'LL THINK YOU JUST SPENT 2 WEEKS IN HAWAII.. THEY MAKE YOU LEAVE YOUR BRAIN AT TH' AIRPORT THERE ANYWAY...
--YES.. --I'M TANNED.. --I'M RESTED..
GRIFFY
1-26
WHERE'S MY TIKI DOLL? I WANT MY TIKI DOLL!!
..JUST CAN'T TAKE HIM ANYWHERE!
END.


ZIPPY
"COULD BE AN IMPORTANT CONCEPT"
BILL GRIFFITH
SO, LIKE I WAS SAYING, THIS "TROLL" THING COULD BE VERY HUGE IN CHINA, IF I COULD JUST WANGLE AN EXPORT LICENSE..
I SEE A TROLL ON EVERY DRESSER FROM BEIJING TO KASHGAR!
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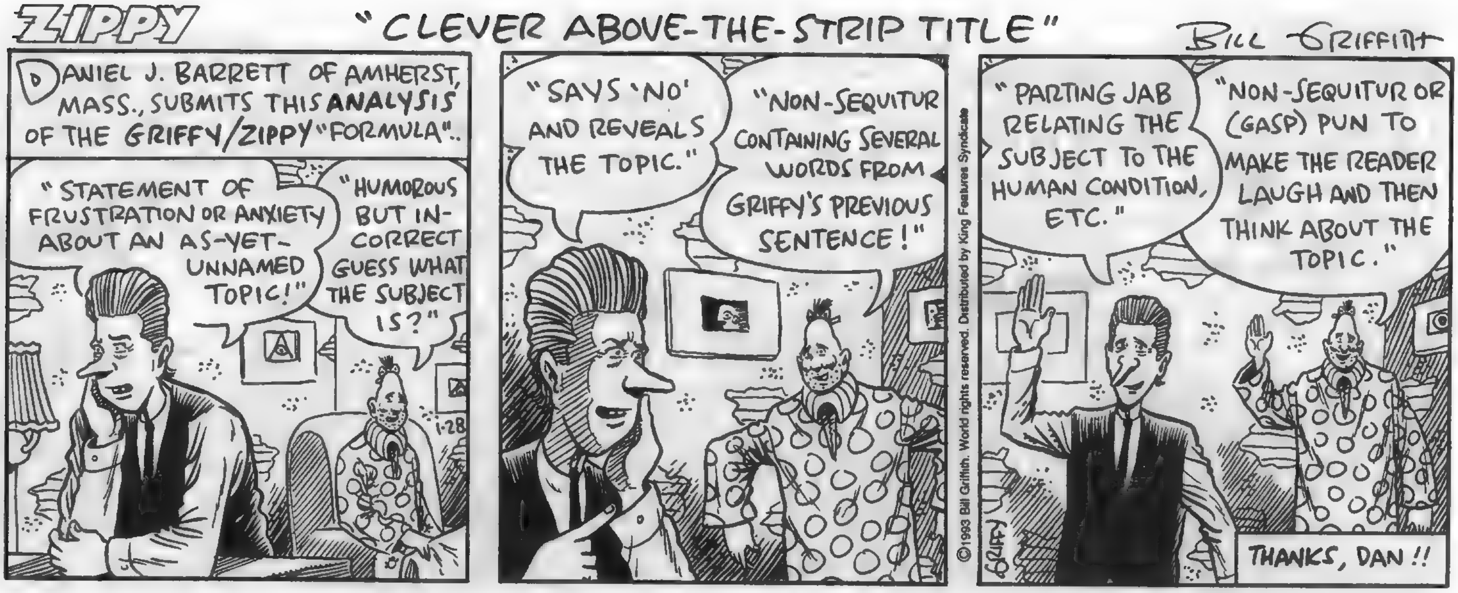
I KNOW WHERE I CAN GET HOLD OF 4 MILLION DEFECTIVE SIX-INCHERS FROM A GUY IN KANSAS CITY..
INJECTION MOLDING CAN BE A TRICKY-- --CLICK!
CAN DO IN CANTON
..YEH..HEY, WHAT WAS THAT CLICKING NOISE?
CAN I GET BACK TO YOU IN A SECOND?
GRIFFY
1-27
TROLLING FOR DOLLARS
DON'T TELL ME..
YES..I'VE GOT "THOUGHT WAITING"!
REACH OUT AND BILL SOMEONE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"CLEVER ABOVE-THE-STRIP TITLE"
BILL GRIFFITH
DANIEL J. BARRETT OF AMHERST, MASS., SUBMITS THIS ANALYSIS OF THE GRIFFY/ZIPPY "FORMULA"..
"STATEMENT OF FRUSTRATION OR ANXIETY ABOUT AN AS-YET-UNNAMED TOPIC!"
"HUMOROUS BUT INCORRECT GUESS WHAT THE SUBJECT IS?"
1-28
"SAYS 'NO' AND REVEALS THE TOPIC."
"NON-SEQUITUR CONTAINING SEVERAL WORDS FROM GRIFFY'S PREVIOUS SENTENCE!"
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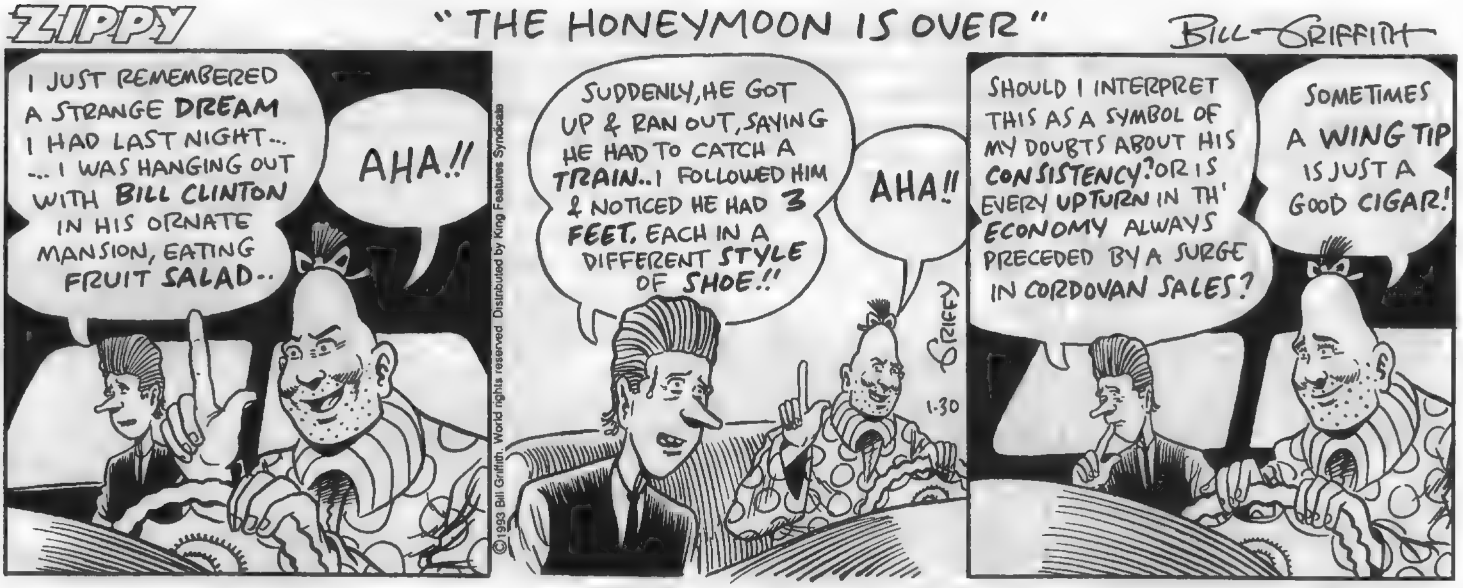
"PARTING JAB RELATING THE SUBJECT TO THE HUMAN CONDITION, ETC."
"NON-SEQUITUR OR (GASP) PUN TO MAKE THE READER LAUGH AND THEN THINK ABOUT THE TOPIC."
GRIFFY
THANKS, DAN!!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"THE HONEYMOON IS OVER"
BILL GRIFFITH
I JUST REMEMBERED A STRANGE DREAM I HAD LAST NIGHT... ...I WAS HANGING OUT WITH BILL CLINTON IN HIS ORNATE MANSION, EATING FRUIT SALAD..
AHA!!
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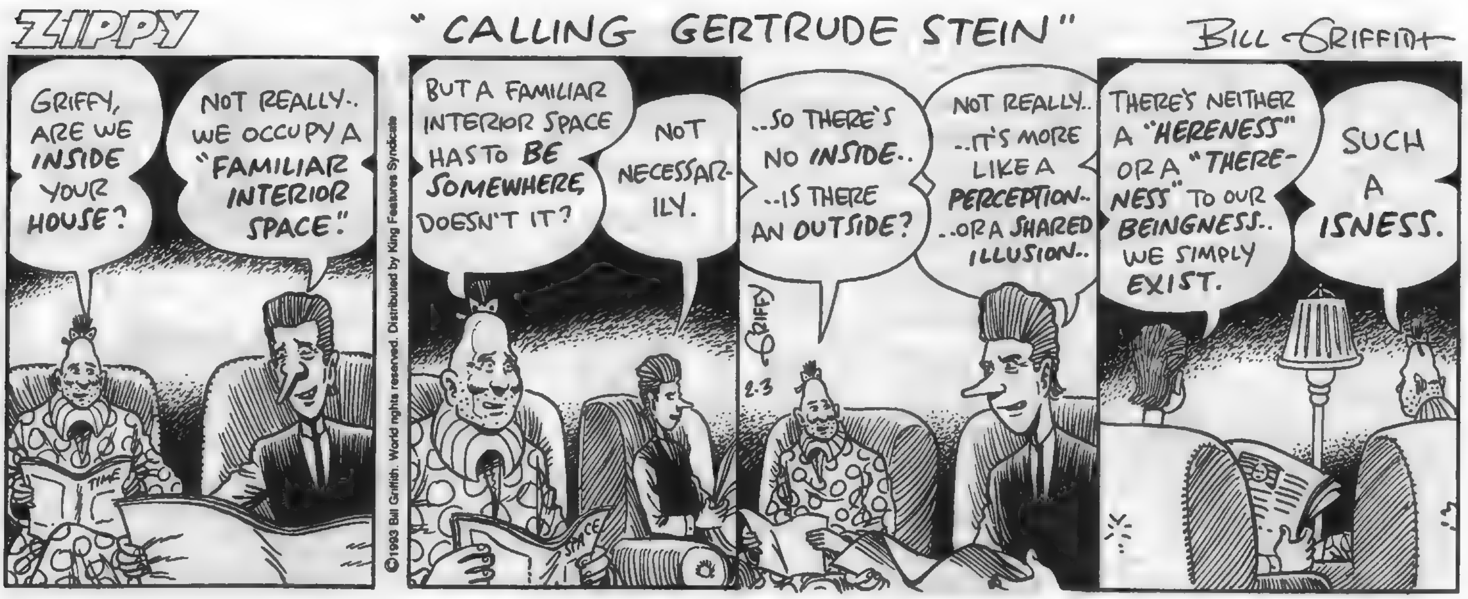
SUDDENLY, HE GOT UP & RAN OUT, SAYING HE HAD TO CATCH A TRAIN.. I FOLLOWED HIM & NOTICED HE HAD 3 FEET, EACH IN A DIFFERENT STYLE OF SHOE!!
AHA!!
GRIFFY
1-30
SHOULD I INTERPRET THIS AS A SYMBOL OF MY DOUBTS ABOUT HIS CONSISTENCY? OR IS EVERY UPTURN IN TH' ECONOMY ALWAYS PRECEDED BY A SURGE IN CORDOVAN SALES?
SOMETIMES A WING TIP IS JUST A GOOD CIGAR!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"CALLING GERTRUDE STEIN"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, ARE WE INSIDE YOUR HOUSE?
NOT REALLY.. WE OCCUPY A "FAMILIAR INTERIOR SPACE."
TIME
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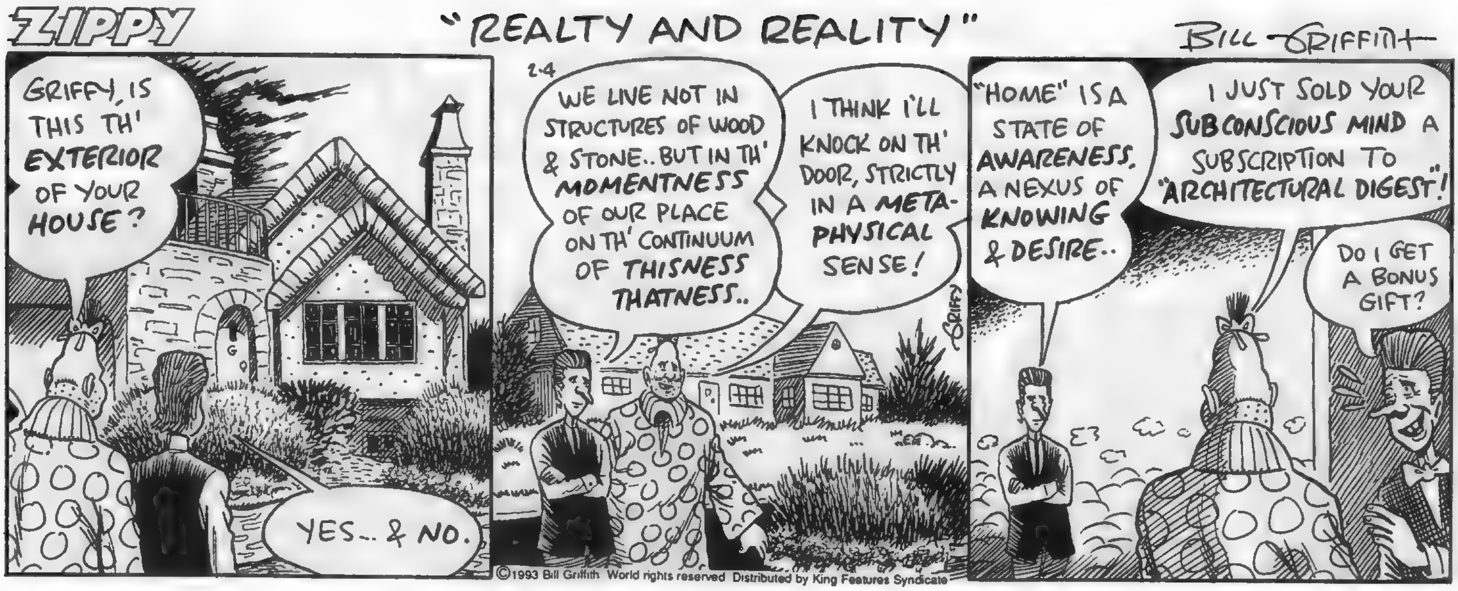
BUT A FAMILIAR INTERIOR SPACE HAS TO BE SOMEWHERE, DOESN'T IT?
NOT NECESSARILY.
SPACE
..SO THERE'S NO INSIDE.. ..IS THERE AN OUTSIDE?
NOT REALLY.. ..IT'S MORE LIKE A PERCEPTION.. ..OR A SHARED ILLUSION..
GRIFFY
2-3
THERE'S NEITHER A "HERENESS" OR A "THERENESS" TO OUR BEINGNESS.. WE SIMPLY EXIST.
SUCH A ISNESS.


ZIPPY
"REALTY AND REALITY"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, IS THIS TH' EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOUSE?
YES... & NO.
2·4
WE LIVE NOT IN STRUCTURES OF WOOD & STONE.. BUT IN TH' MOMENTNESS OF OUR PLACE ON TH' CONTINUUM OF THISNESS THATNESS..
I THINK I'LL KNOCK ON TH' DOOR, STRICTLY IN A METAPHYSICAL SENSE!
GRIFFY
"HOME" IS A STATE OF AWARENESS, A NEXUS OF KNOWING & DESIRE..
I JUST SOLD YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MIND A SUBSCRIPTION TO "ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST"!
DO I GET A BONUS GIFT?
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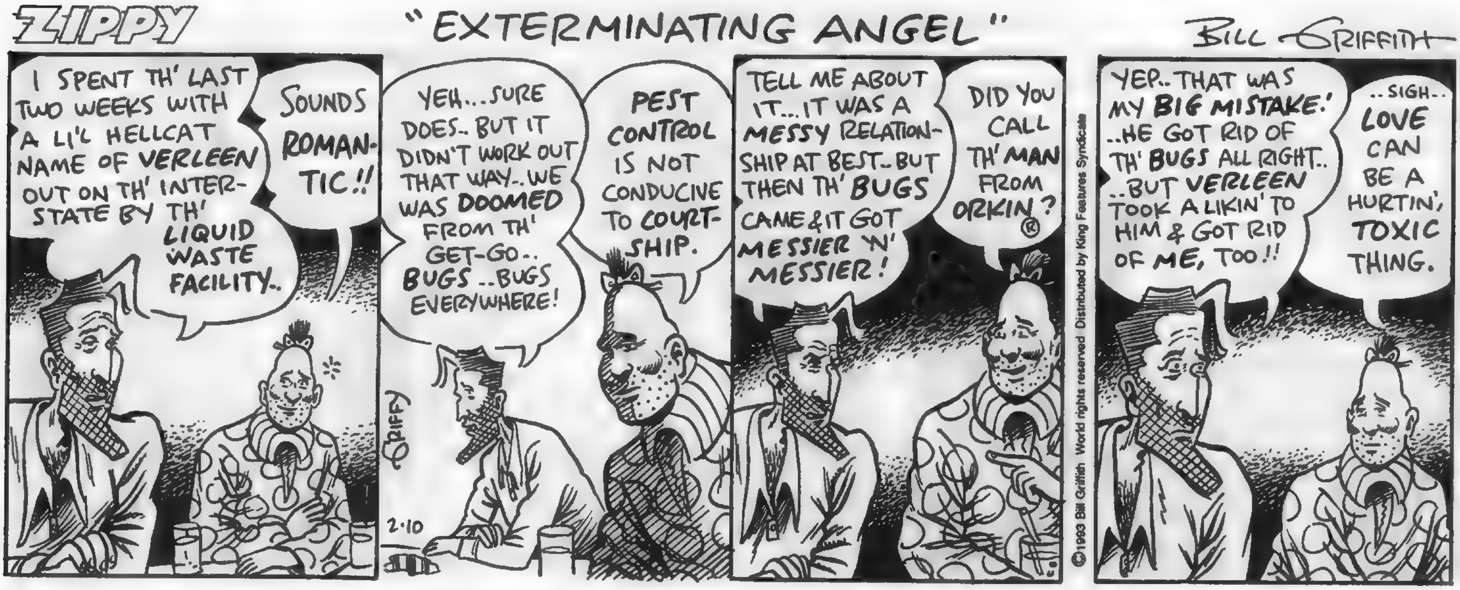
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"EXTERMINATING ANGEL"
BILL GRIFFITH
I SPENT TH' LAST TWO WEEKS WITH A LI'L HELLCAT NAME OF VERLEEN OUT ON TH' INTERSTATE BY TH' LIQUID WASTE FACILITY..
SOUNDS ROMANTIC!!
GRIFFY
YEH... SURE DOES.. BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT THAT WAY.. WE WAS DOOMED FROM TH' GET-GO.. BUGS.. BUGS EVERYWHERE!
PEST CONTROL IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO COURTSHIP.
2·10
TELL ME ABOUT IT... IT WAS A MESSY RELATIONSHIP AT BEST.. BUT THEN TH' BUGS CAME & IT GOT MESSIER 'N' MESSIER!
DID YOU CALL TH' MAN FROM ORKIN?®
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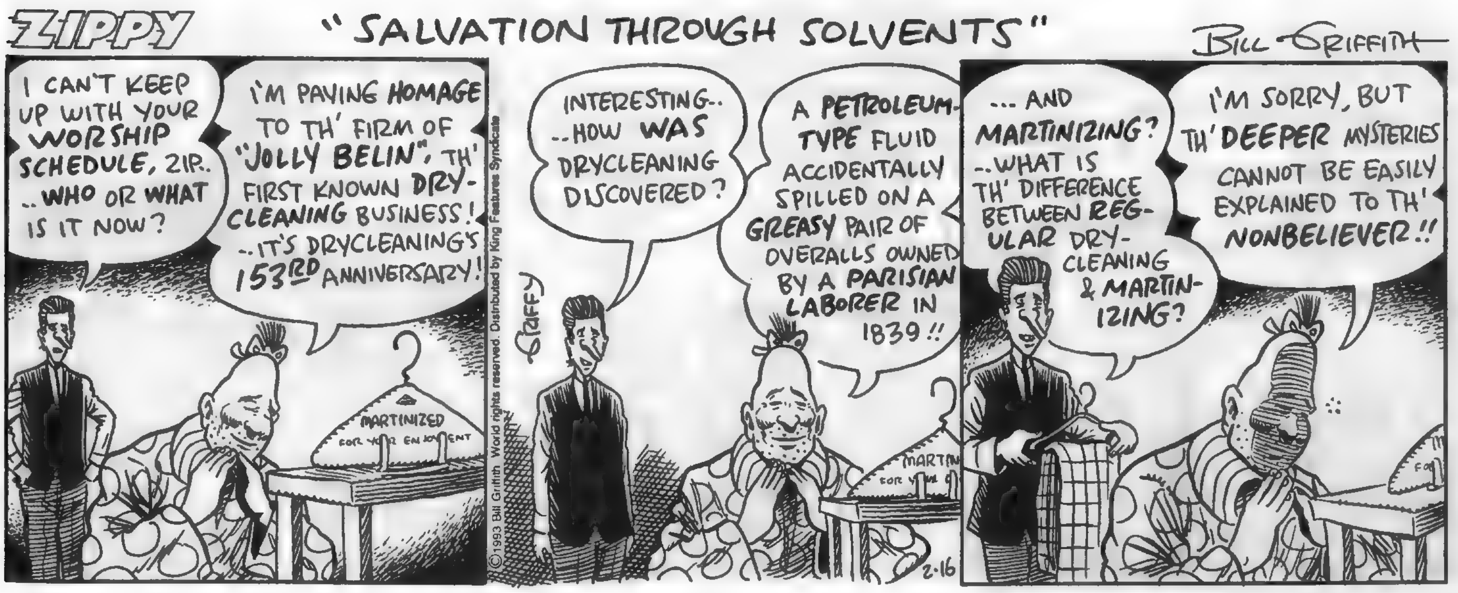
YEP.. THAT WAS MY BIG MISTAKE! ..HE GOT RID OF TH' BUGS ALL RIGHT.. ..BUT VERLEEN TOOK A LIKIN' TO HIM & GOT RID OF ME, TOO!!
..SIGH.. LOVE CAN BE A HURTIN', TOXIC THING.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"SALVATION THROUGH SOLVENTS"
BILL GRIFFITH
I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE, ZIP.. ..WHO OR WHAT IS IT NOW?
I'M PAYING HOMAGE TO TH' FIRM OF "JOLLY BELIN", TH' FIRST KNOWN DRY-CLEANING BUSINESS! ..IT'S DRYCLEANING'S 153RD ANNIVERSARY!
MARTINIZED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT
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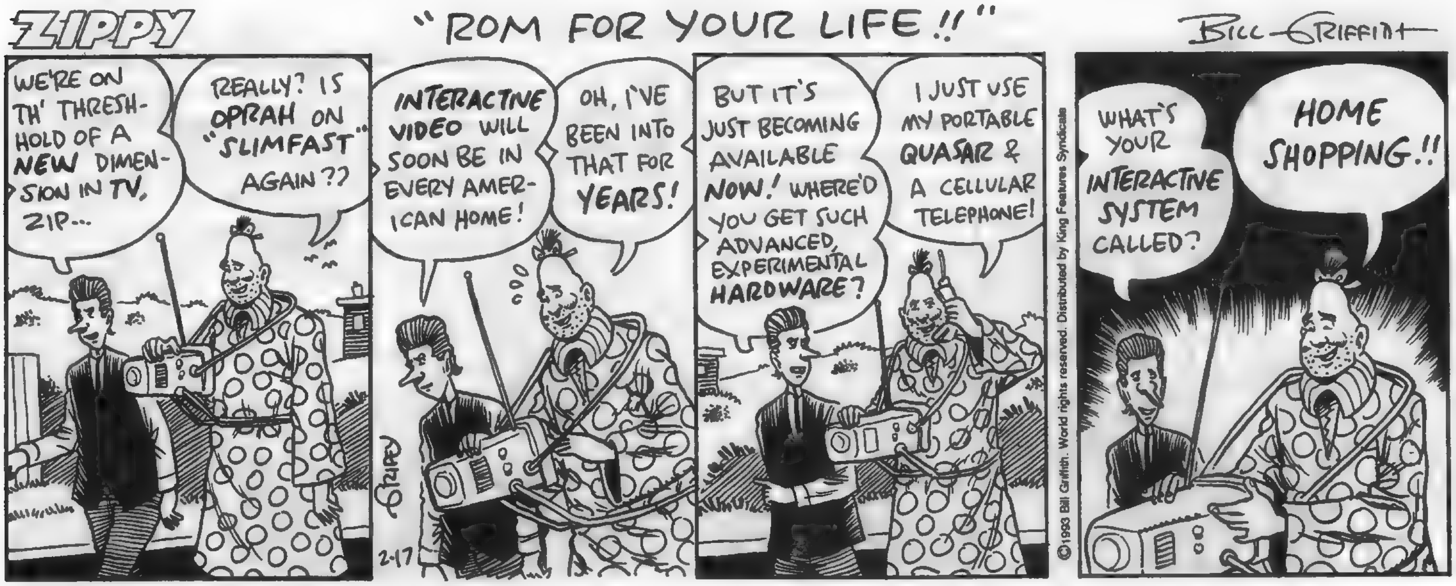
GRIFFY
INTERESTING.. ..HOW WAS DRYCLEANING DISCOVERED?
A PETROLEUM-TYPE FLUID ACCIDENTALLY SPILLED ON A GREASY PAIR OF OVERALLS OWNED BY A PARISIAN LABORER IN 1839!!
2·16
... AND MARTINIZING? ..WHAT IS TH' DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REGULAR DRY-CLEANING & MARTINIZING?
I'M SORRY, BUT TH' DEEPER MYSTERIES CANNOT BE EASILY EXPLAINED TO TH' NONBELIEVER!!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"ROM FOR YOUR LIFE!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
WE'RE ON TH' THRESHHOLD OF A NEW DIMENSION IN TV, ZIP...
REALLY? IS OPRAH ON "SLIMFAST" AGAIN??
INTERACTIVE VIDEO WILL SOON BE IN EVERY AMERICAN HOME!
OH, I'VE BEEN INTO THAT FOR YEARS!
GRIFFY
2-17
BUT IT'S JUST BECOMING AVAILABLE NOW! WHERE'D YOU GET SUCH ADVANCED, EXPERIMENTAL HARDWARE?
I JUST USE MY PORTABLE QUASAR & A CELLULAR TELEPHONE!
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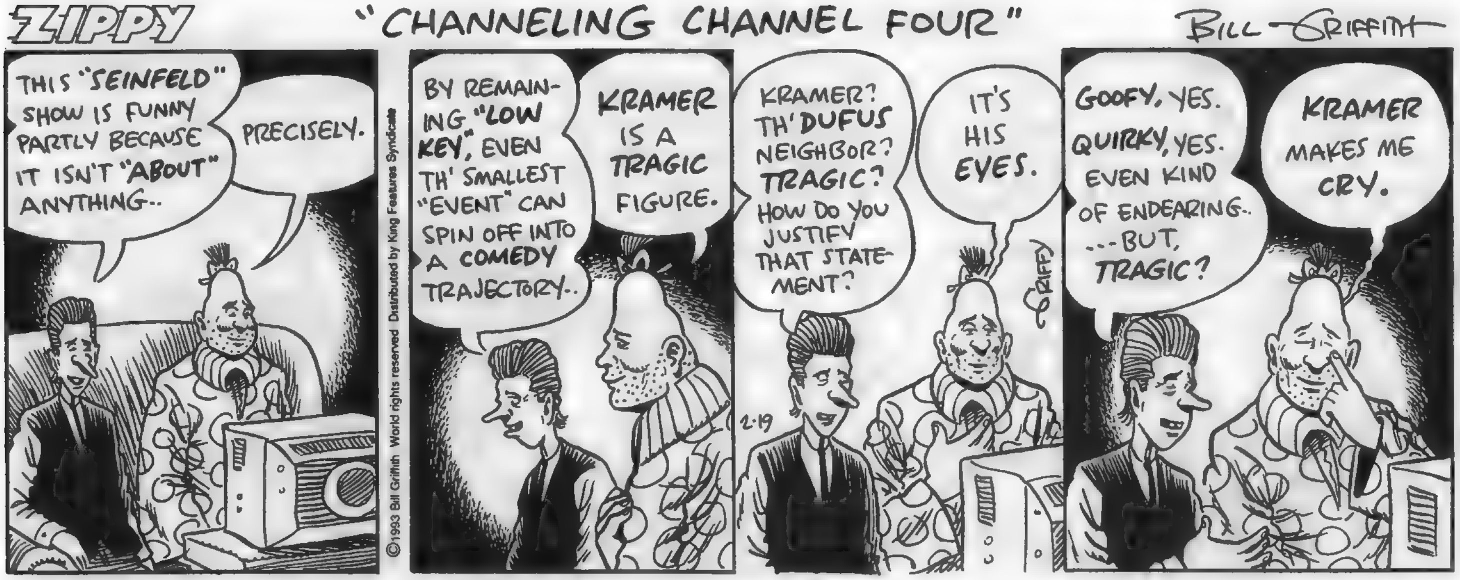
WHAT'S YOUR INTERACTIVE SYSTEM CALLED?
HOME SHOPPING!!


ZIPPY
"CHANNELING CHANNEL FOUR"
BILL GRIFFITH
THIS "SEINFELD" SHOW IS FUNNY PARTLY BECAUSE IT ISN'T "ABOUT" ANYTHING..
PRECISELY.
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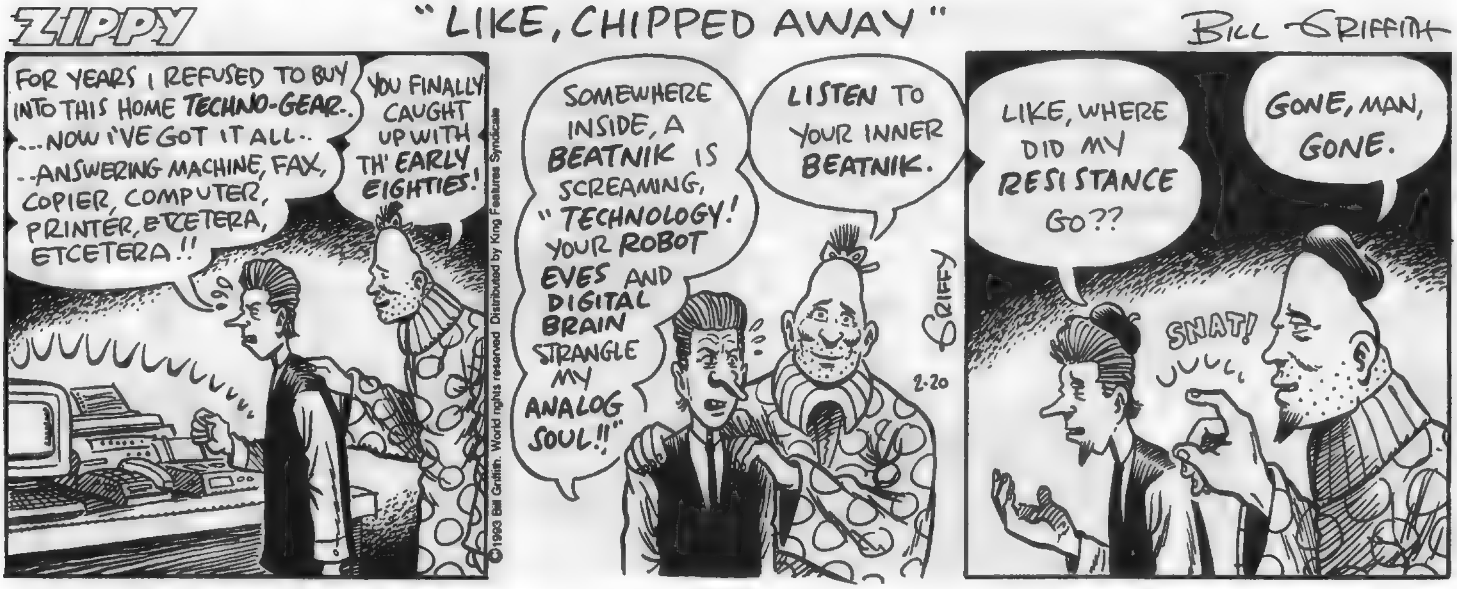
BY REMAINING "LOW KEY", EVEN TH' SMALLEST "EVENT" CAN SPIN OFF INTO A COMEDY TRAJECTORY..
KRAMER IS A TRAGIC FIGURE.
KRAMER? TH' DUFUS NEIGHBOR? TRAGIC? HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY THAT STATEMENT?
IT'S HIS EYES.
GRIFFY
2-19
GOOFY, YES. QUIRKY, YES. EVEN KIND OF ENDEARING.. ...BUT, TRAGIC?
KRAMER MAKES ME CRY.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"LIKE, CHIPPED AWAY"
BILL GRIFFITH
FOR YEARS I REFUSED TO BUY INTO THIS HOME TECHNO-GEAR.. ...NOW I'VE GOT IT ALL.. ..ANSWERING MACHINE, FAX, COPIER, COMPUTER, PRINTER, ETCETERA, ETCETERA!!
YOU FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH TH' EARLY EIGHTIES!
UUUUULLVVV...
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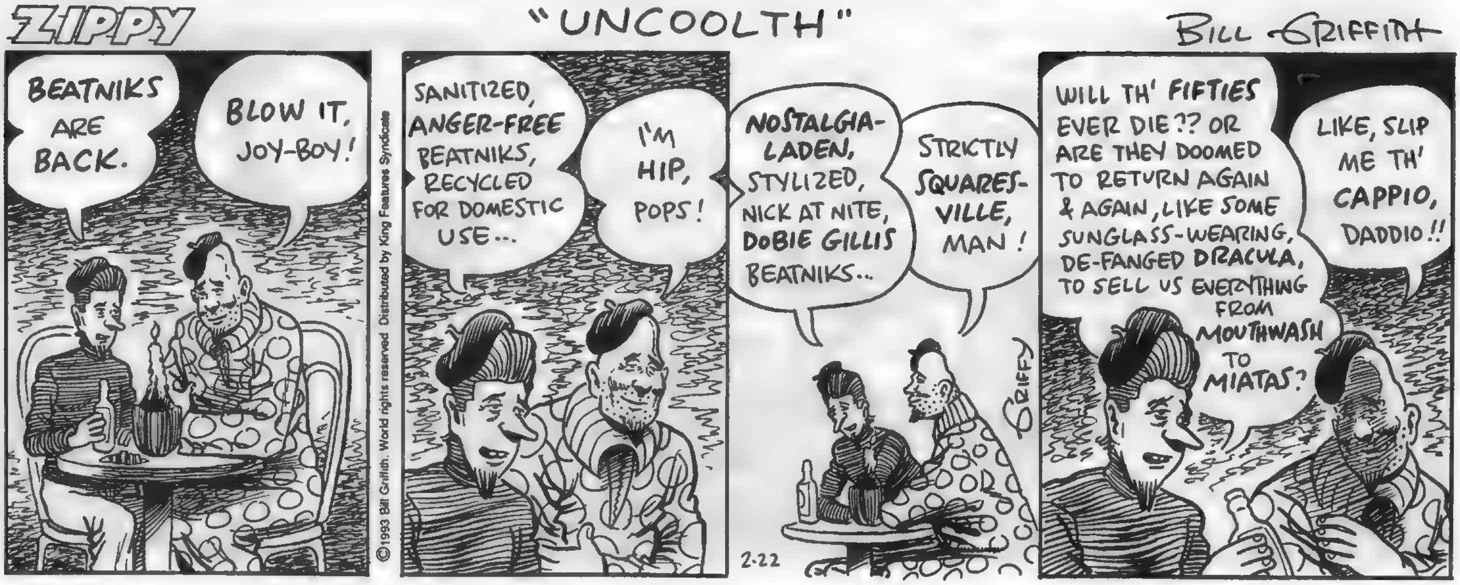
SOMEWHERE INSIDE, A BEATNIK IS SCREAMING, "TECHNOLOGY! YOUR ROBOT EYES AND DIGITAL BRAIN STRANGLE MY ANALOG SOUL!!"
LISTEN TO YOUR INNER BEATNIK.
GRIFFY
2-20
LIKE, WHERE DID MY RESISTANCE GO??
GONE, MAN, GONE.
SNAT!
UUUL


ZIPPY
"UNCOOLTH"
BILL GRIFFITH
BEATNIKS ARE BACK.
BLOW IT, JOY-BOY!
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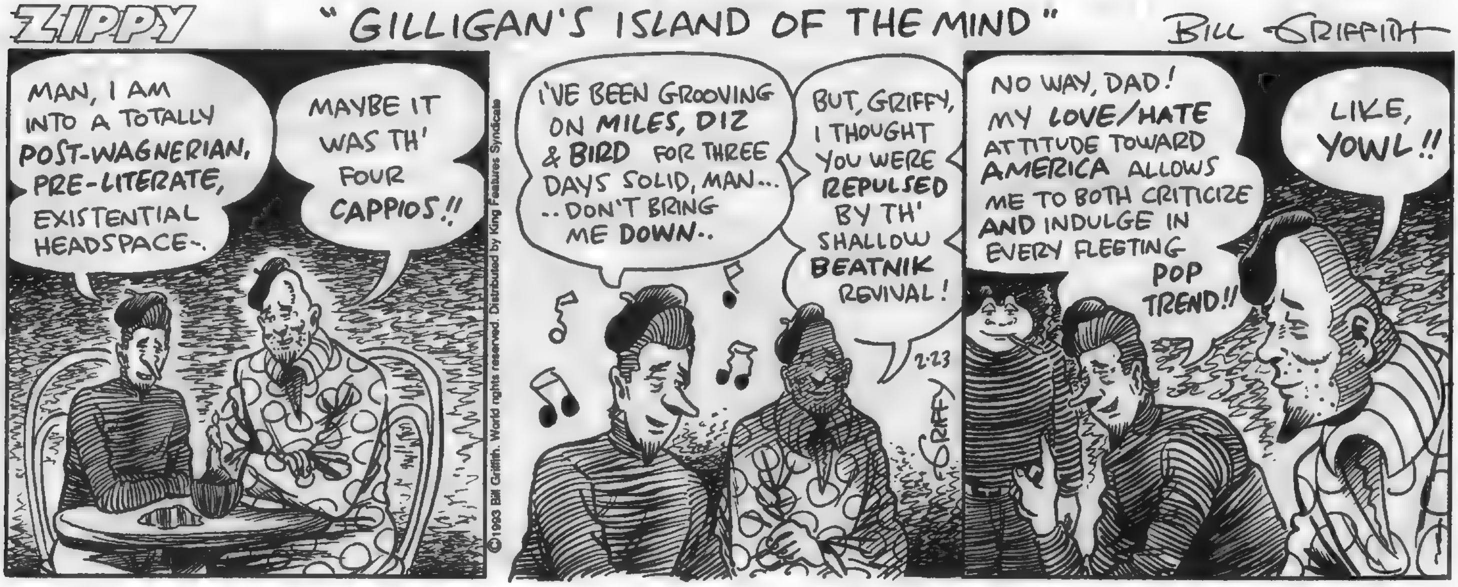
SANITIZED, ANGER-FREE BEATNIKS, RECYCLED FOR DOMESTIC USE...
I'M HIP, POPS!
NOSTALGIA-LADEN, STYLIZED, NICK AT NITE, DOBIE GILLIS BEATNIKS...
STRICTLY SQUARES-VILLE, MAN!
GRIFFY
2·22
WILL TH' FIFTIES EVER DIE?? OR ARE THEY DOOMED TO RETURN AGAIN & AGAIN, LIKE SOME SUNGLASS-WEARING, DE-FANGED DRACULA, TO SELL US EVERYTHING FROM MOUTHWASH TO MIATAS?
LIKE, SLIP ME TH' CAPPIO, DADDIO!!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"GILLIGAN'S ISLAND OF THE MIND"
BILL GRIFFITH
MAN, I AM INTO A TOTALLY POST-WAGNERIAN, PRE-LITERATE, EXISTENTIAL HEADSPACE..
MAYBE IT WAS TH' FOUR CAPPIOS!!
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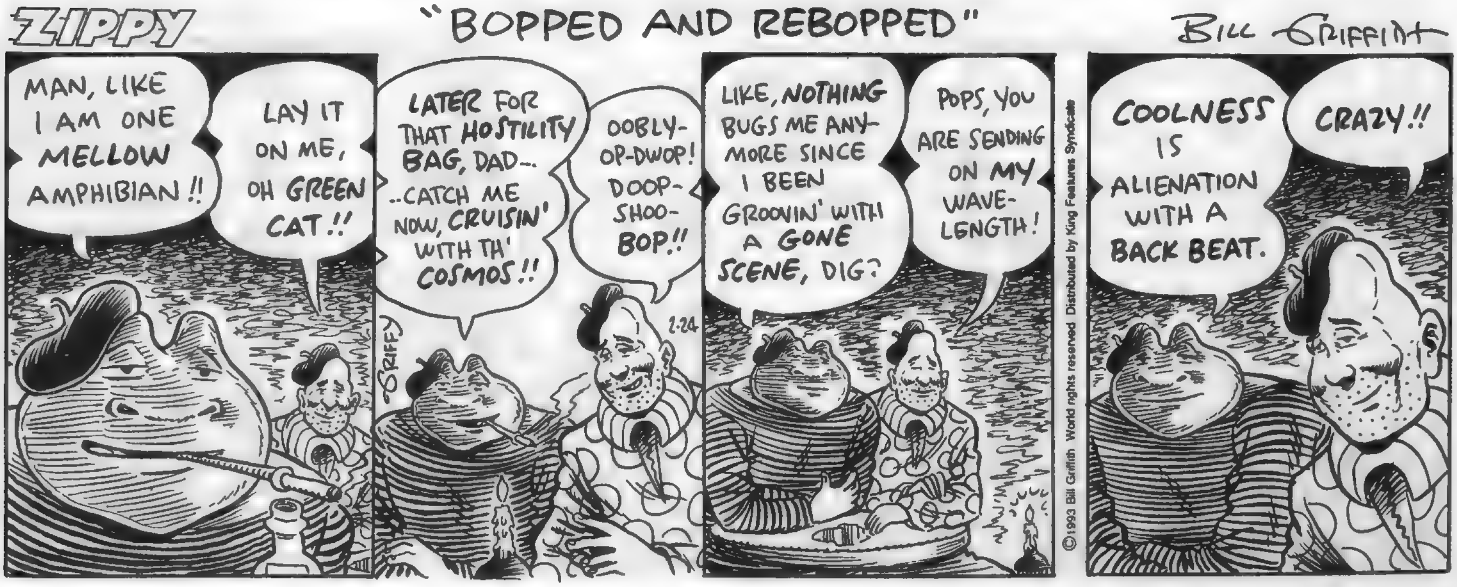
I'VE BEEN GROOVING ON MILES, DIZ & BIRD FOR THREE DAYS SOLID, MAN... ..DON'T BRING ME DOWN..
BUT, GRIFFY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE REPULSED BY TH' SHALLOW BEATNIK REVIVAL!
2·23
GRIFFY
NO WAY, DAD! MY LOVE/HATE ATTITUDE TOWARD AMERICA ALLOWS ME TO BOTH CRITICIZE AND INDULGE IN EVERY FLEETING POP TREND!!
LIKE, YOWL!!


ZIPPY
"BOPPED AND REBOPPED"
BILL GRIFFITH
MAN, LIKE I AM ONE MELLOW AMPHIBIAN!!
LAY IT ON ME, OH GREEN CAT!!
GRIFFY
LATER FOR THAT HOSTILITY BAG, DAD.. ..CATCH ME NOW, CRUISIN' WITH TH' COSMOS!!
OOBLY-OP-DWOP! DOOP-SHOO-BOP!!
2·24
LIKE, NOTHING BUGS ME ANY-MORE SINCE I BEEN GROOVIN' WITH A GONE SCENE, DIG?
POPS, YOU ARE SENDING ON MY WAVE-LENGTH!
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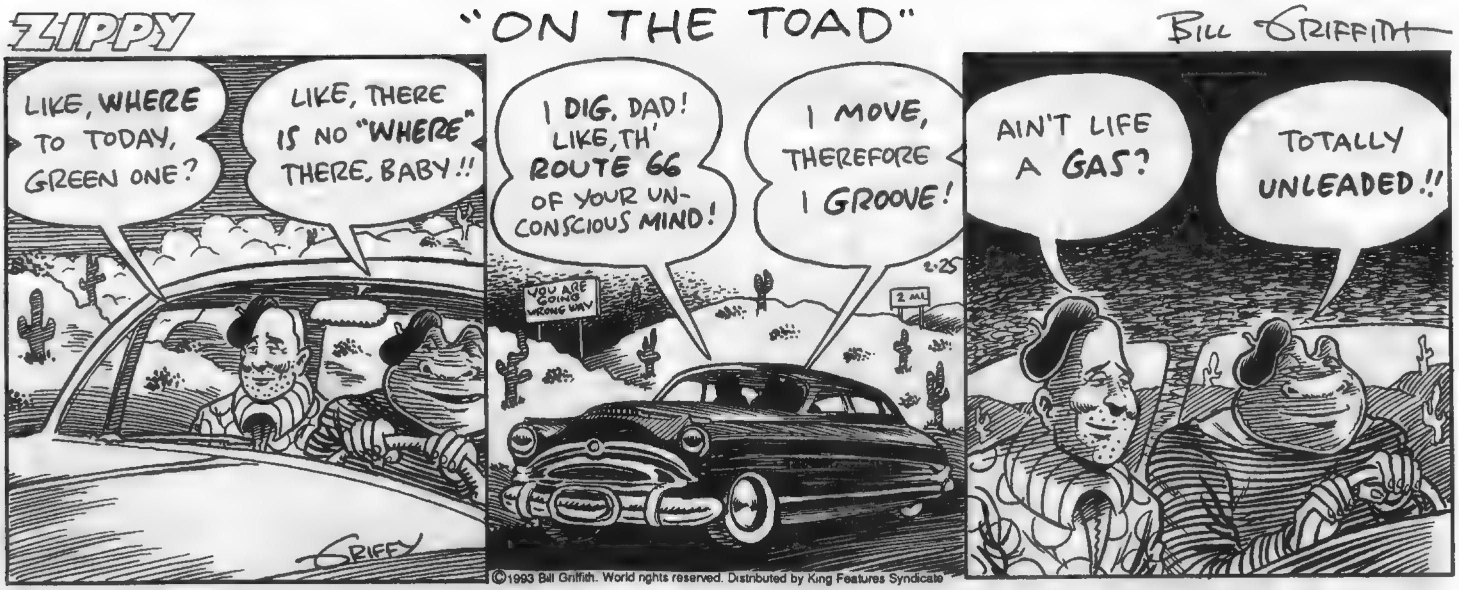
COOLNESS IS ALIENATION WITH A BACK BEAT.
CRAZY!!


ZIPPY
"ON THE TOAD"
BILL GRIFFITH
LIKE, WHERE TO TODAY, GREEN ONE?
LIKE, THERE IS NO "WHERE" THERE, BABY!!
GRIFFY
YOU ARE GOING WRONG WAY
I DIG, DAD! LIKE, TH' ROUTE 66 OF YOUR UNCONSCIOUS MIND!
I MOVE, THEREFORE I GROOVE!
2 MI
2-25
AIN'T LIFE A GAS?
TOTALLY UNLEADED!!

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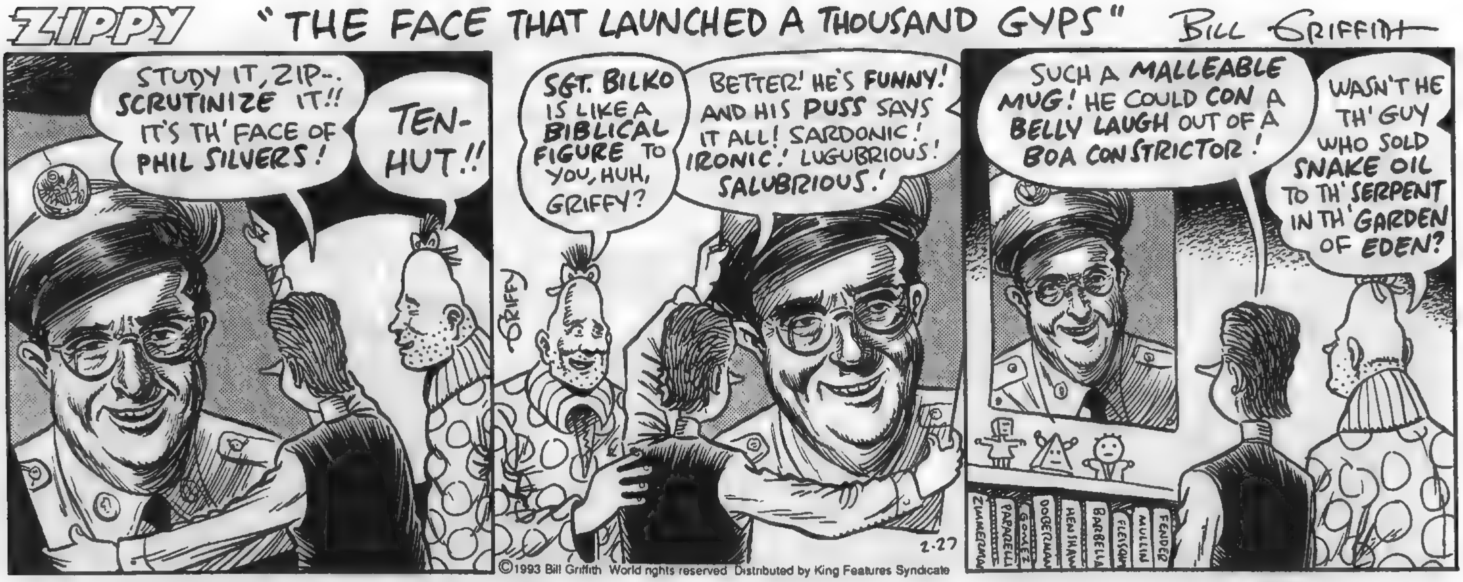
ZIPPY
"THE FACE THAT LAUNCHED A THOUSAND GYPS"
BILL GRIFFITH
STUDY IT, ZIP-- SCRUTINIZE IT!! IT'S TH' FACE OF PHIL SILVERS!
TEN-HUT!!
SGT. BILKO IS LIKE A BIBLICAL FIGURE TO YOU, HUH, GRIFFY?
BETTER! HE'S FUNNY! AND HIS PUSS SAYS IT ALL! SARDONIC! IRONIC! LUGUBRIOUS! SALUBRIOUS!
GRIFFY
2-27
SUCH A MALLEABLE MUG! HE COULD CON A BELLY LAUGH OUT OF A BOA CONSTRICTOR!
WASN'T HE TH' GUY WHO SOLD SNAKE OIL TO TH' SERPENT IN TH' GARDEN OF EDEN?
ZIMMERMAN
PAPARELLI
GOMEZ
DOBERMAN
HENSHAW
BARBELLA
FLEISCHER
MULLIN
FENDER

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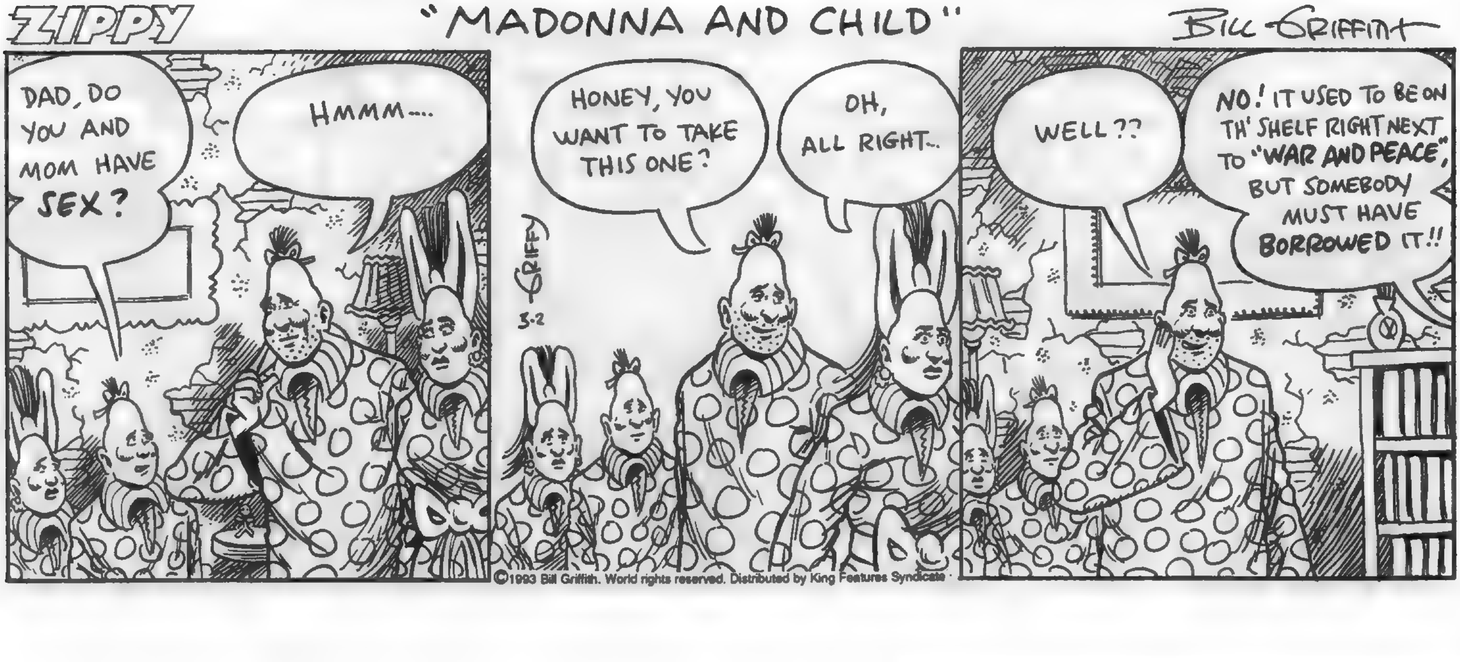
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"MADONNA AND CHILD"
BILL GRIFFITH
DAD, DO YOU AND MOM HAVE SEX?
HMMM....
GRIFFY
3-2
HONEY, YOU WANT TO TAKE THIS ONE?
OH, ALL RIGHT..
WELL??
NO! IT USED TO BE ON TH' SHELF RIGHT NEXT TO "WAR AND PEACE", BUT SOMEBODY MUST HAVE BORROWED IT!!

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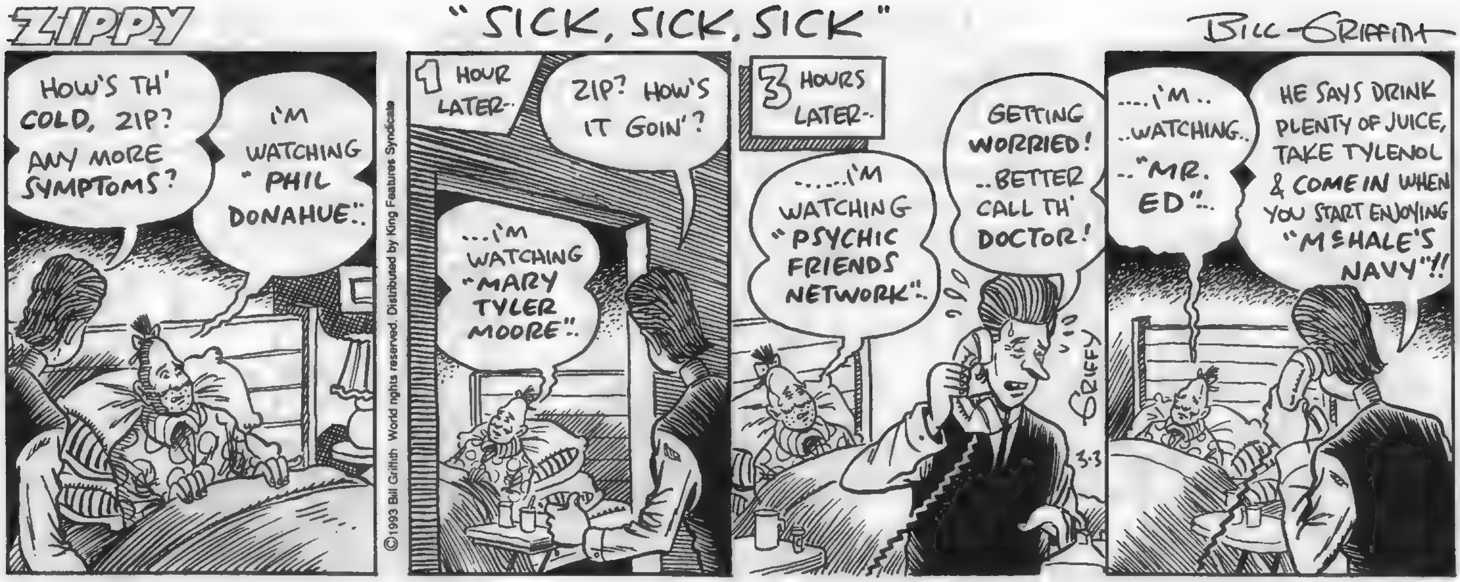
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"SICK, SICK, SICK"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW'S TH' COLD, ZIP? ANY MORE SYMPTOMS?
I'M WATCHING "PHIL DONAHUE"..
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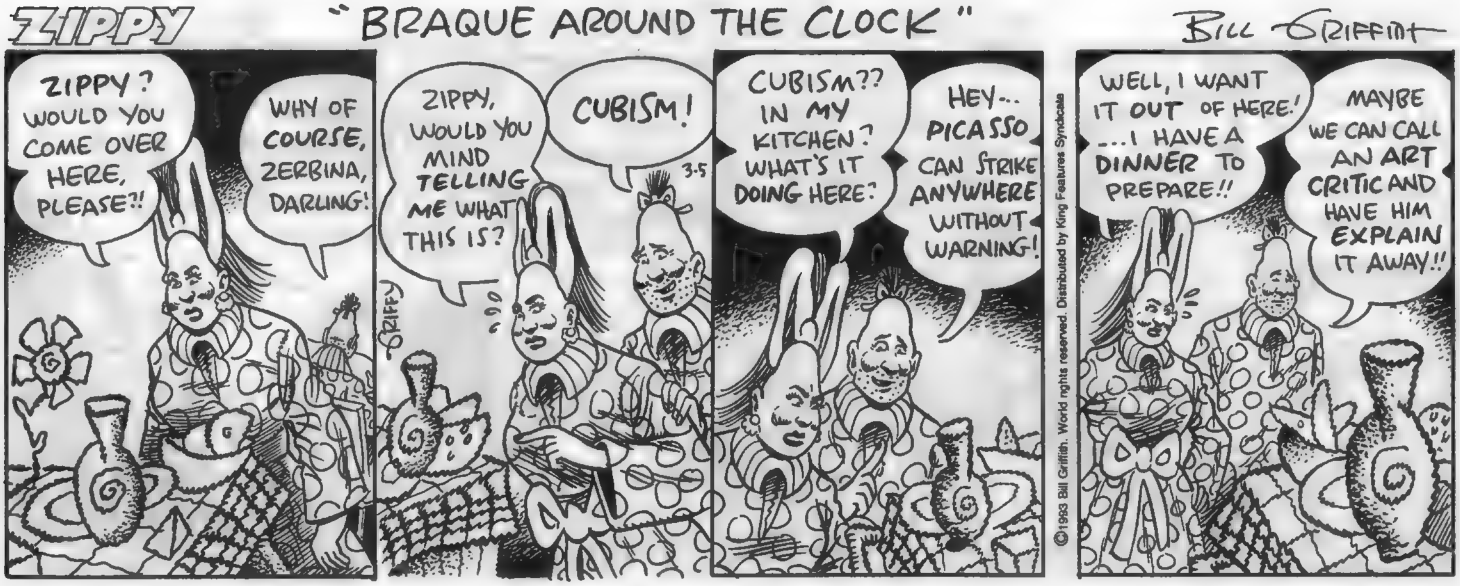
1 HOUR LATER..
ZIP? HOW'S IT GOIN'?
...I'M WATCHING "MARY TYLER MOORE"..
3 HOURS LATER..
.....I'M WATCHING "PSYCHIC FRIENDS NETWORK"..
GETTING WORRIED! ..BETTER CALL TH' DOCTOR!
GRIFFY
3-3
....I'M.. ..WATCHING.. .."MR. ED"..
HE SAYS DRINK PLENTY OF JUICE, TAKE TYLENOL & COME IN WHEN YOU START ENJOYING "McHALE'S NAVY"!!


ZIPPY
"BRAQUE AROUND THE CLOCK"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY? WOULD YOU COME OVER HERE, PLEASE?!
WHY OF COURSE, ZERBINA, DARLING!
GRIFFY
ZIPPY, WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME WHAT THIS IS?
CUBISM!
3-5
CUBISM?? IN MY KITCHEN? WHAT'S IT DOING HERE?
HEY... PICASSO CAN STRIKE ANYWHERE WITHOUT WARNING!
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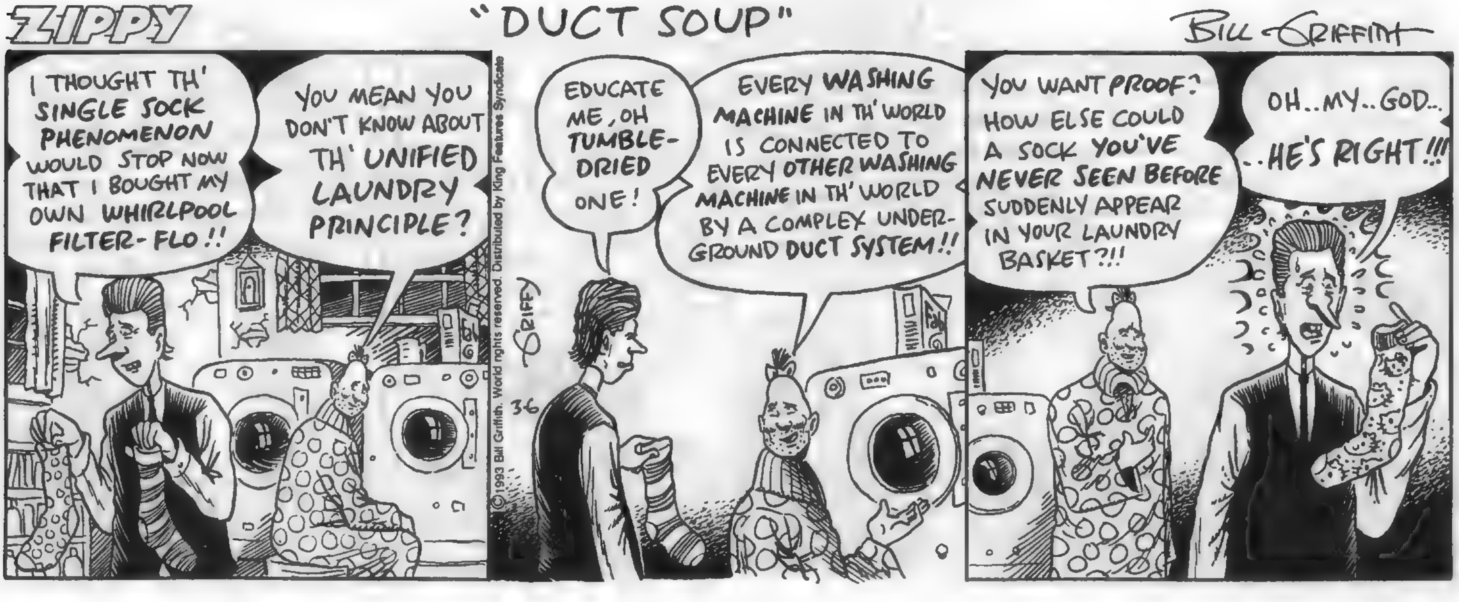
WELL, I WANT IT OUT OF HERE! ...I HAVE A DINNER TO PREPARE!!
MAYBE WE CAN CALL AN ART CRITIC AND HAVE HIM EXPLAIN IT AWAY!!


ZIPPY
"DUCT SOUP"
BILL GRIFFITH
I THOUGHT TH' SINGLE SOCK PHENOMENON WOULD STOP NOW THAT I BOUGHT MY OWN WHIRLPOOL FILTER-FLO!!
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT TH' UNIFIED LAUNDRY PRINCIPLE?
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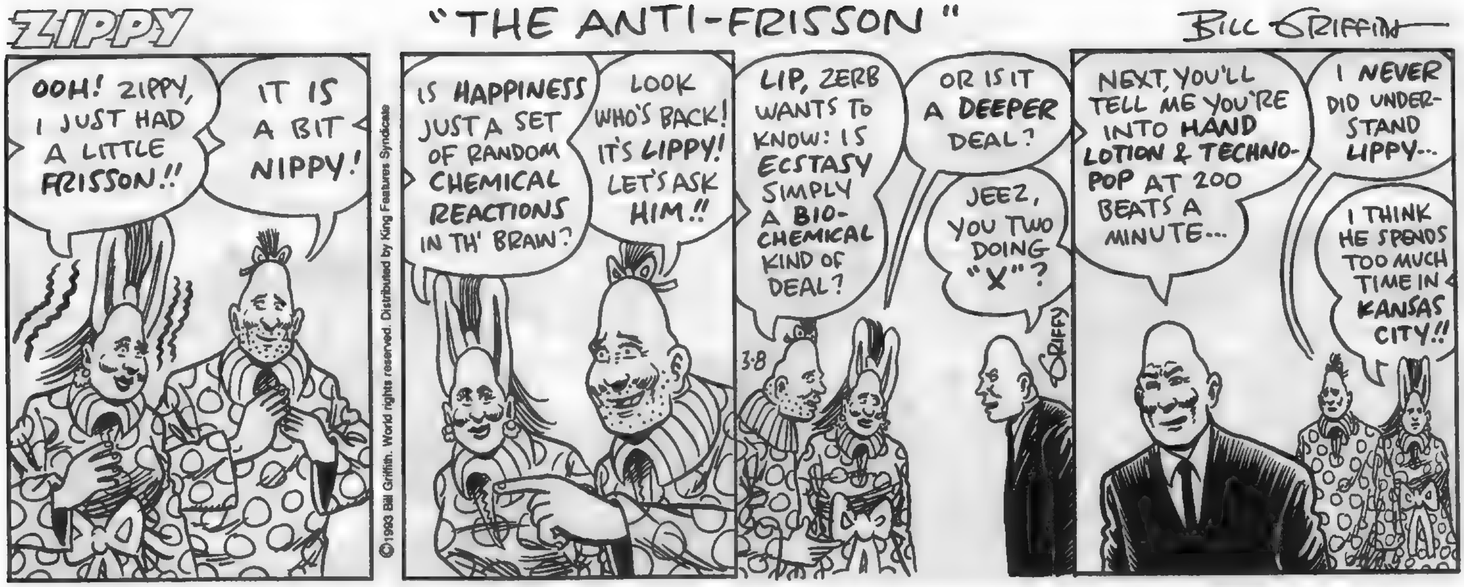
3-6
GRIFFY
EDUCATE ME, OH TUMBLE-DRIED ONE!
EVERY WASHING MACHINE IN TH' WORLD IS CONNECTED TO EVERY OTHER WASHING MACHINE IN TH' WORLD BY A COMPLEX UNDER-GROUND DUCT SYSTEM!!
YOU WANT PROOF? HOW ELSE COULD A SOCK YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE SUDDENLY APPEAR IN YOUR LAUNDRY BASKET?!!
OH..MY..GOD.. ..HE'S RIGHT!!!


ZIPPY
"THE ANTI-FRISSON"
BILL GRIFFITH
OOH! ZIPPY, I JUST HAD A LITTLE FRISSON!!
IT IS A BIT NIPPY!
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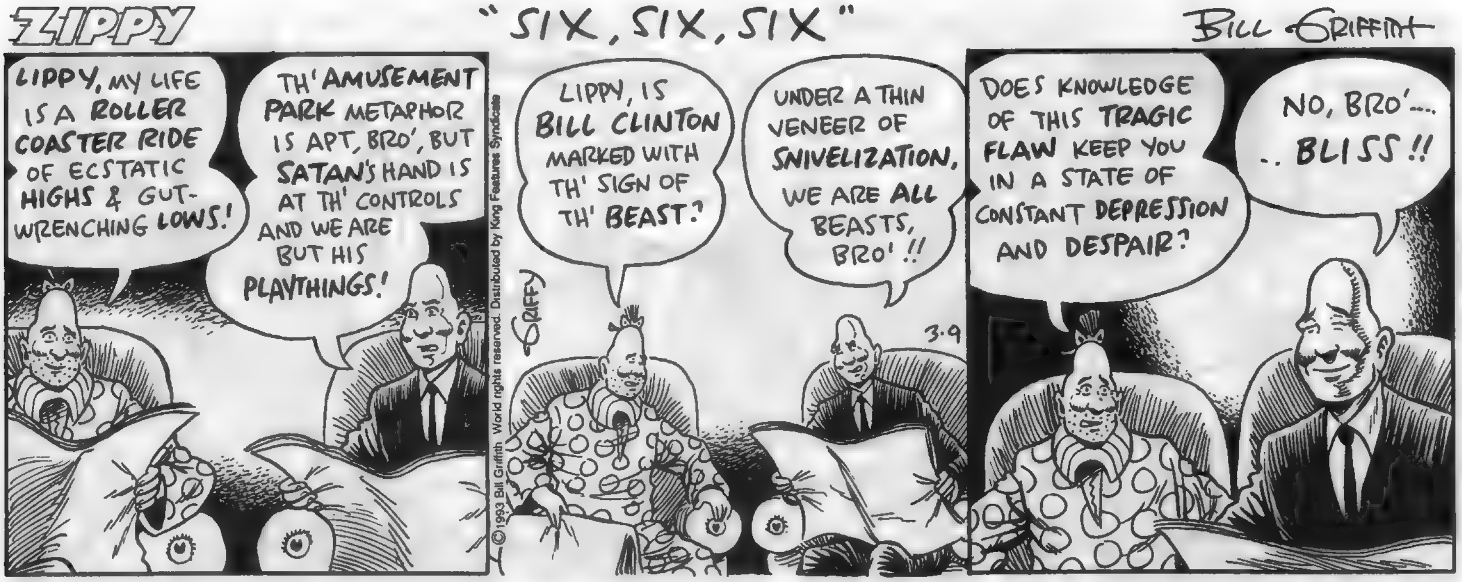
IS HAPPINESS JUST A SET OF RANDOM CHEMICAL REACTIONS IN TH' BRAIN?
LOOK WHO'S BACK! IT'S LIPPY! LET'S ASK HIM!!
LIP, ZERB WANTS TO KNOW: IS ECSTASY SIMPLY A BIO-CHEMICAL KIND OF DEAL?
OR IS IT A DEEPER DEAL?
JEEZ, YOU TWO DOING "X"?
3·8
GRIFFY
NEXT, YOU'LL TELL ME YOU'RE INTO HAND LOTION & TECHNO-POP AT 200 BEATS A MINUTE...
I NEVER DID UNDER-STAND LIPPY...
I THINK HE SPENDS TOO MUCH TIME IN KANSAS CITY!!


ZIPPY
"SIX, SIX, SIX"
BILL GRIFFITH
LIPPY, MY LIFE IS A ROLLER COASTER RIDE OF ECSTATIC HIGHS & GUT-WRENCHING LOWS!
TH' AMUSEMENT PARK METAPHOR IS APT, BRO', BUT SATAN'S HAND IS AT TH' CONTROLS AND WE ARE BUT HIS PLAYTHINGS!
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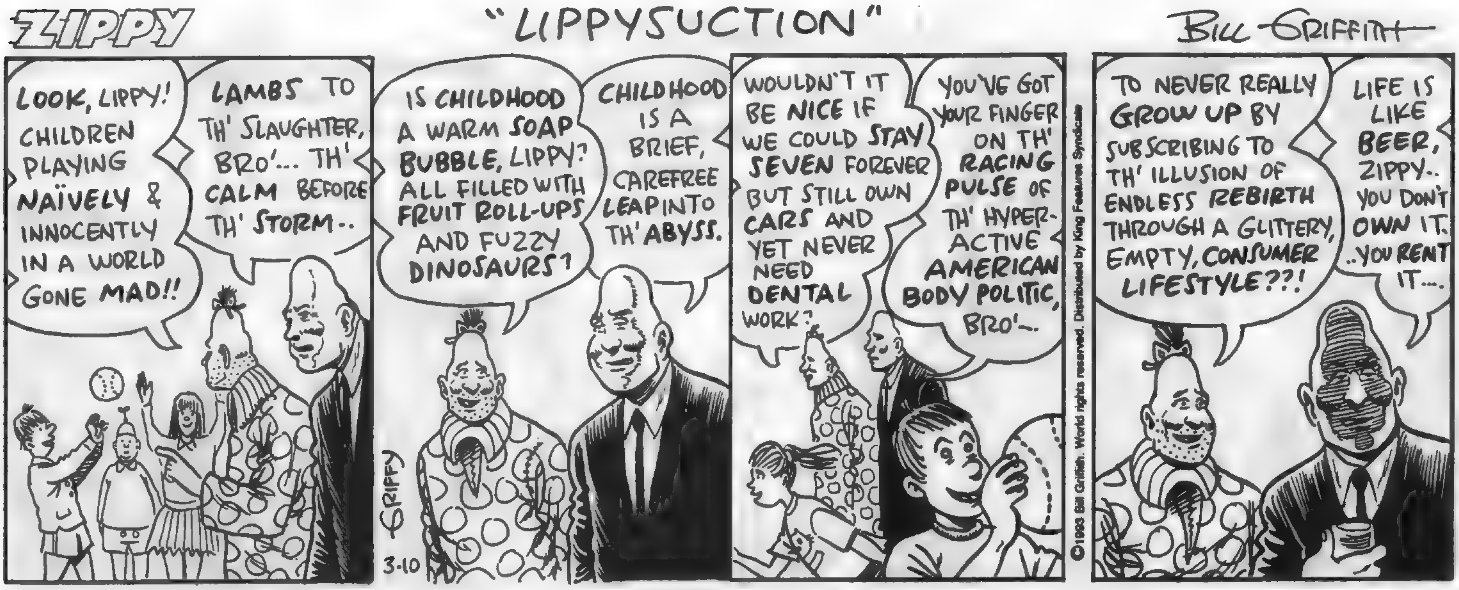
GRIFFY
LIPPY, IS BILL CLINTON MARKED WITH TH' SIGN OF TH' BEAST?
UNDER A THIN VENEER OF SNIVELIZATION, WE ARE ALL BEASTS, BRO'!!
3·9
DOES KNOWLEDGE OF THIS TRAGIC FLAW KEEP YOU IN A STATE OF CONSTANT DEPRESSION AND DESPAIR?
NO, BRO'.... .. BLISS!!


ZIPPY
"LIPPYSUCTION"
BILL GRIFFITH
LOOK, LIPPY! CHILDREN PLAYING NAÏVELY & INNOCENTLY IN A WORLD GONE MAD!!
LAMBS TO TH' SLAUGHTER, BRO'... TH' CALM BEFORE TH' STORM..
GRIFFY
3·10
IS CHILDHOOD A WARM SOAP BUBBLE, LIPPY? ALL FILLED WITH FRUIT ROLL-UPS AND FUZZY DINOSAURS?
CHILDHOOD IS A BRIEF, CAREFREE LEAP INTO TH' ABYSS.
WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF WE COULD STAY SEVEN FOREVER BUT STILL OWN CARS AND YET NEVER NEED DENTAL WORK?
YOU'VE GOT YOUR FINGER ON TH' RACING PULSE OF TH' HYPER-ACTIVE AMERICAN BODY POLITIC, BRO'..
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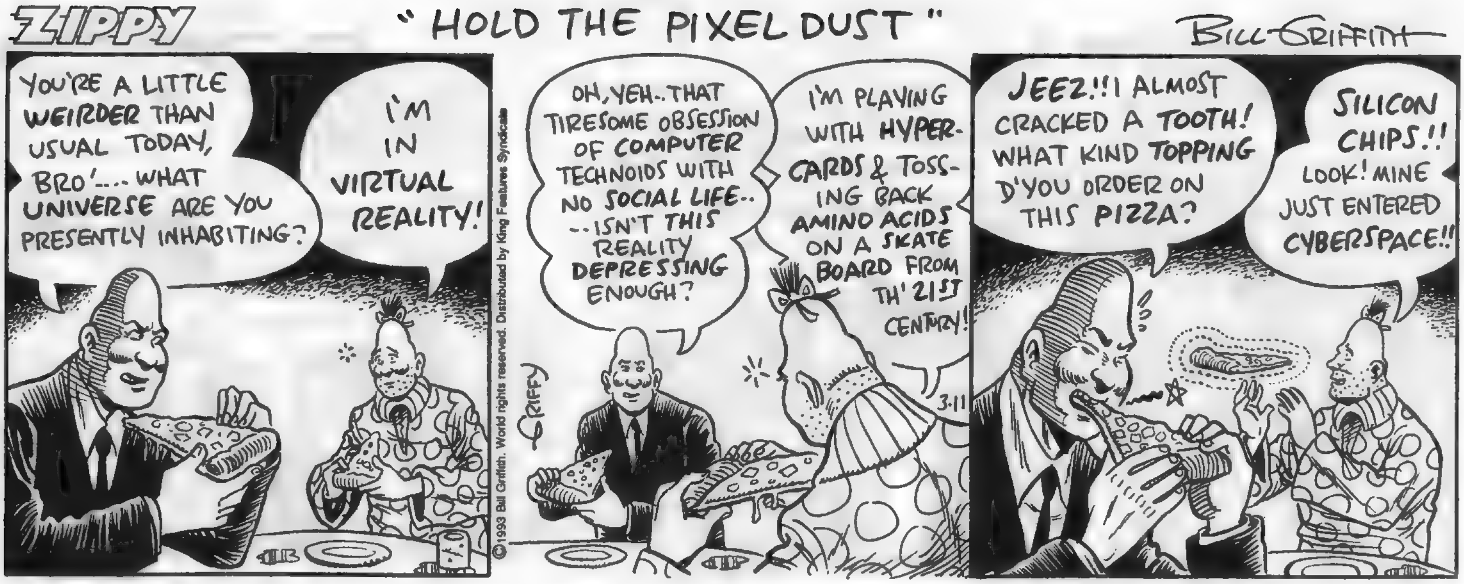
TO NEVER REALLY GROW UP BY SUBSCRIBING TO TH' ILLUSION OF ENDLESS REBIRTH THROUGH A GLITTERY, EMPTY, CONSUMER LIFESTYLE??!
LIFE IS LIKE BEER, ZIPPY.. YOU DON'T OWN IT. ..YOU RENT IT....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"HOLD THE PIXEL DUST"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU'RE A LITTLE WEIRDER THAN USUAL TODAY, BRO'.... WHAT UNIVERSE ARE YOU PRESENTLY INHABITING?
I'M IN VIRTUAL REALITY!
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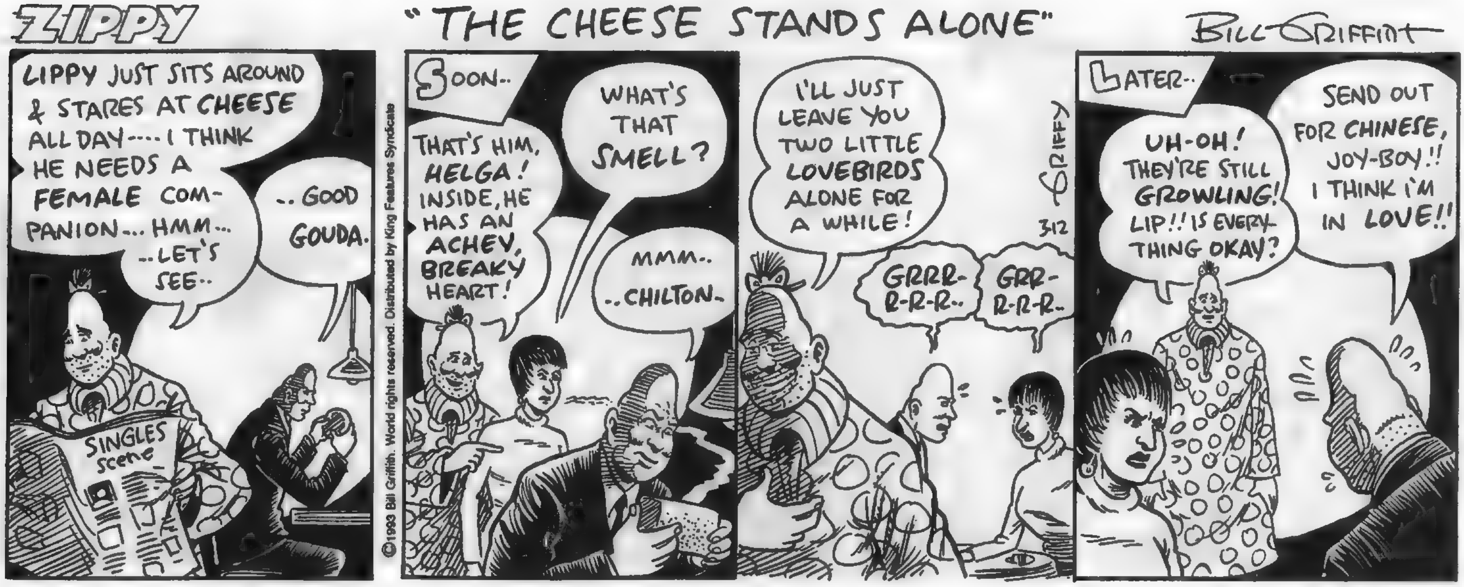
OH, YEH.. THAT TIRESOME OBSESSION OF COMPUTER TECHNOIDS WITH NO SOCIAL LIFE.. --ISN'T THIS REALITY DEPRESSING ENOUGH?
I'M PLAYING WITH HYPER-CARDS & TOSSING BACK AMINO ACIDS ON A SKATE BOARD FROM TH' 21ST CENTURY!
GRIFFY
3-11
JEEZ!! I ALMOST CRACKED A TOOTH! WHAT KIND TOPPING D'YOU ORDER ON THIS PIZZA?
SILICON CHIPS!! LOOK! MINE JUST ENTERED CYBERSPACE!!


ZIPPY
"THE CHEESE STANDS ALONE"
BILL GRIFFITH
LIPPY JUST SITS AROUND & STARES AT CHEESE ALL DAY.... I THINK HE NEEDS A FEMALE COMPANION... HMM... ..LET'S SEE..
..GOOD GOUDA.
SINGLES scene
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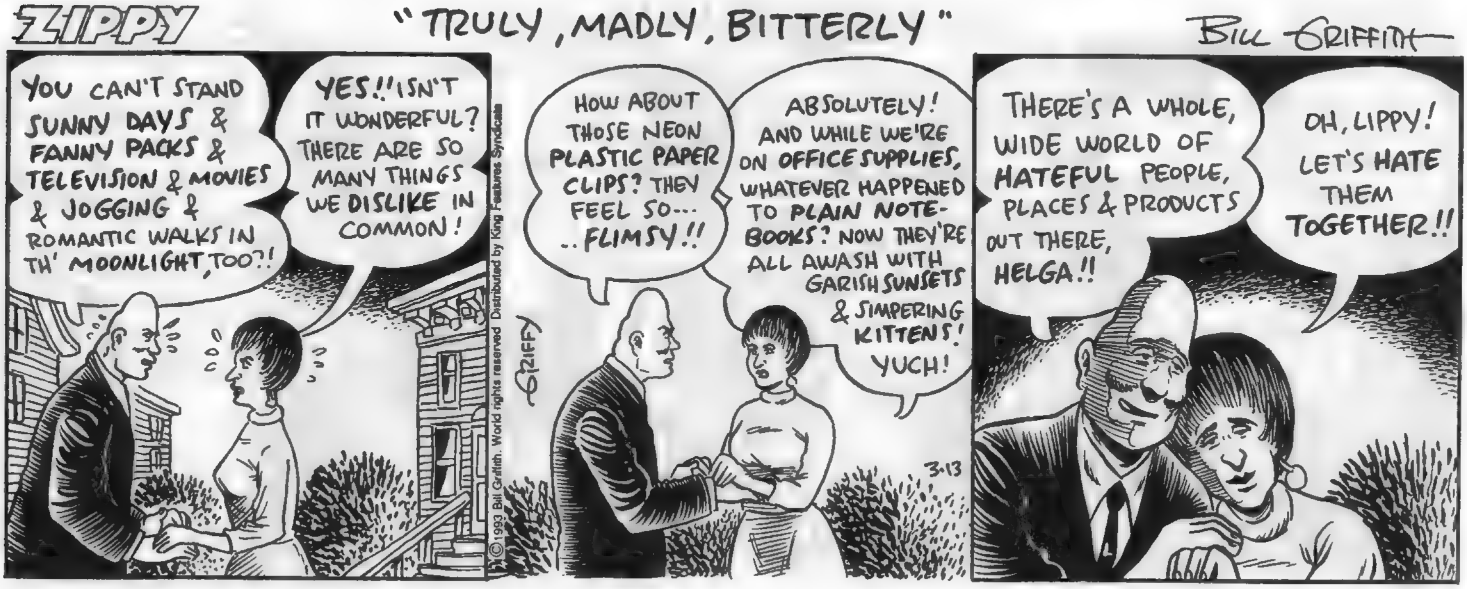
SOON..
THAT'S HIM, HELGA! INSIDE, HE HAS AN ACHEY, BREAKY HEART!
WHAT'S THAT SMELL?
MMM.. ..CHILTON..
I'LL JUST LEAVE YOU TWO LITTLE LOVEBIRDS ALONE FOR A WHILE!
GRIFFY
3-12
GRRR-R-R-R..
GRR-R-R-R..
LATER..
UH-OH! THEY'RE STILL GROWLING! LIP!! IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
SEND OUT FOR CHINESE, JOY-BOY!! I THINK I'M IN LOVE!!


ZIPPY
"TRULY, MADLY, BITTERLY"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU CAN'T STAND SUNNY DAYS & FANNY PACKS & TELEVISION & MOVIES & JOGGING & ROMANTIC WALKS IN TH' MOONLIGHT, TOO?!
YES!! ISN'T IT WONDERFUL? THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS WE DISLIKE IN COMMON!
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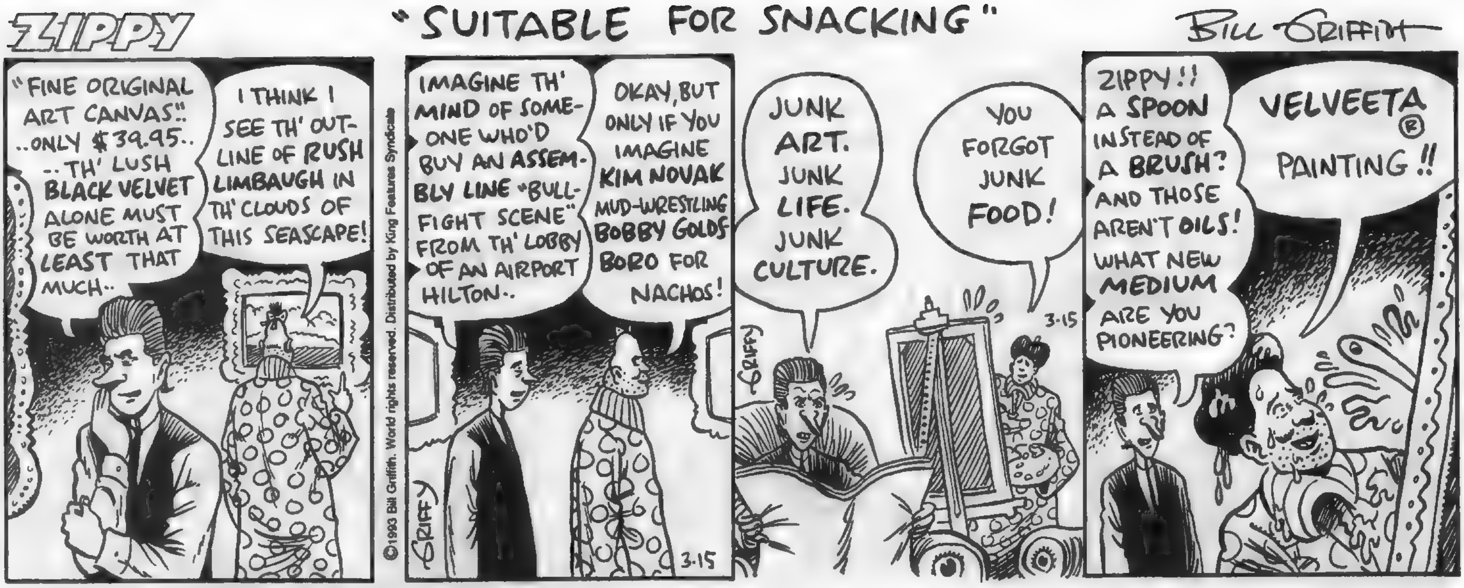
GRIFFY
HOW ABOUT THOSE NEON PLASTIC PAPER CLIPS? THEY FEEL SO... ..FLIMSY!!
ABSOLUTELY! AND WHILE WE'RE ON OFFICE SUPPLIES, WHATEVER HAPPENED TO PLAIN NOTEBOOKS? NOW THEY'RE ALL AWASH WITH GARISH SUNSETS & SIMPERING KITTENS! YUCH!
3-13
THERE'S A WHOLE, WIDE WORLD OF HATEFUL PEOPLE, PLACES & PRODUCTS OUT THERE, HELGA!!
OH, LIPPY! LET'S HATE THEM TOGETHER!!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"SUITABLE FOR SNACKING"
BILL GRIFFITH
"FINE ORIGINAL ART CANVAS"..ONLY $39.95.. ..TH' LUSH BLACK VELVET ALONE MUST BE WORTH AT LEAST THAT MUCH..
I THINK I SEE TH' OUTLINE OF RUSH LIMBAUGH IN TH' CLOUDS OF THIS SEASCAPE!
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GRIFFY
IMAGINE TH' MIND OF SOMEONE WHO'D BUY AN ASSEMBLY LINE "BULLFIGHT SCENE" FROM TH' LOBBY OF AN AIRPORT HILTON..
OKAY, BUT ONLY IF YOU IMAGINE KIM NOVAK MUD-WRESTLING BOBBY GOLDSBORO FOR NACHOS!
3.15
JUNK ART. JUNK LIFE. JUNK CULTURE.
YOU FORGOT JUNK FOOD!
GRIFFY
3.15
ZIPPY!! A SPOON INSTEAD OF A BRUSH? AND THOSE AREN'T OILS! WHAT NEW MEDIUM ARE YOU PIONEERING?
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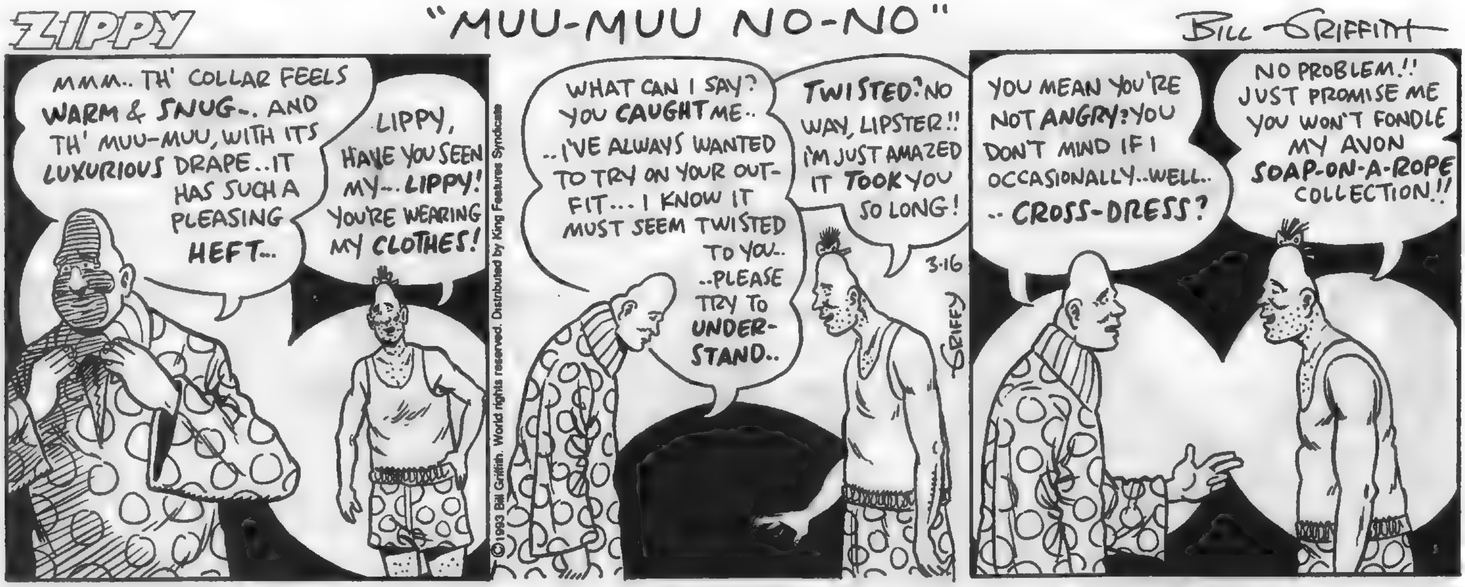
ZIPPY
"MUU-MUU NO-NO"
BILL GRIFFITH
MMM.. TH' COLLAR FEELS WARM & SNUG.. AND TH' MUU-MUU, WITH ITS LUXURIOUS DRAPE..IT HAS SUCH A PLEASING HEFT..
LIPPY, HAVE YOU SEEN MY.. LIPPY! YOU'RE WEARING MY CLOTHES!
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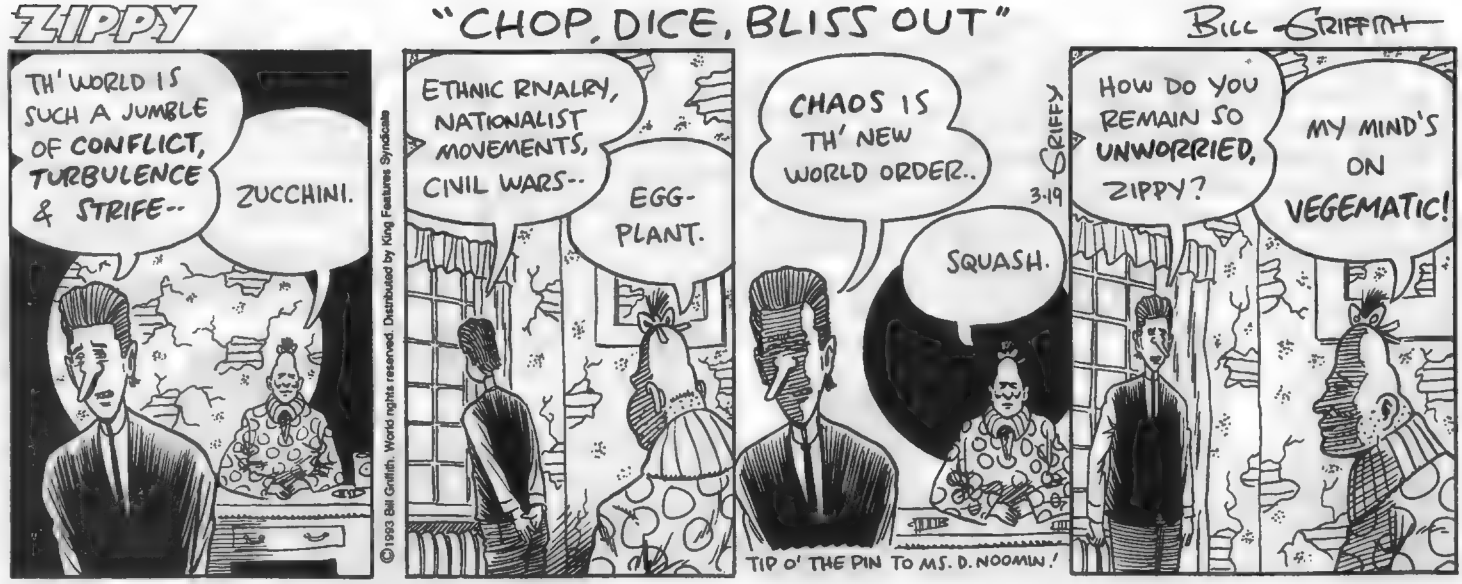
WHAT CAN I SAY? YOU CAUGHT ME.. ..I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY ON YOUR OUTFIT... I KNOW IT MUST SEEM TWISTED TO YOU.. ..PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND..
TWISTED? NO WAY, LIPSTER!! I'M JUST AMAZED IT TOOK YOU SO LONG!
3.16
GRIFFY
YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT ANGRY? YOU DON'T MIND IF I OCCASIONALLY..WELL.. ..CROSS-DRESS?
NO PROBLEM!! JUST PROMISE ME YOU WON'T FONDLE MY AVON SOAP-ON-A-ROPE COLLECTION!!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"CHOP, DICE, BLISS OUT"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' WORLD IS SUCH A JUMBLE OF CONFLICT, TURBULENCE & STRIFE--
ZUCCHINI.
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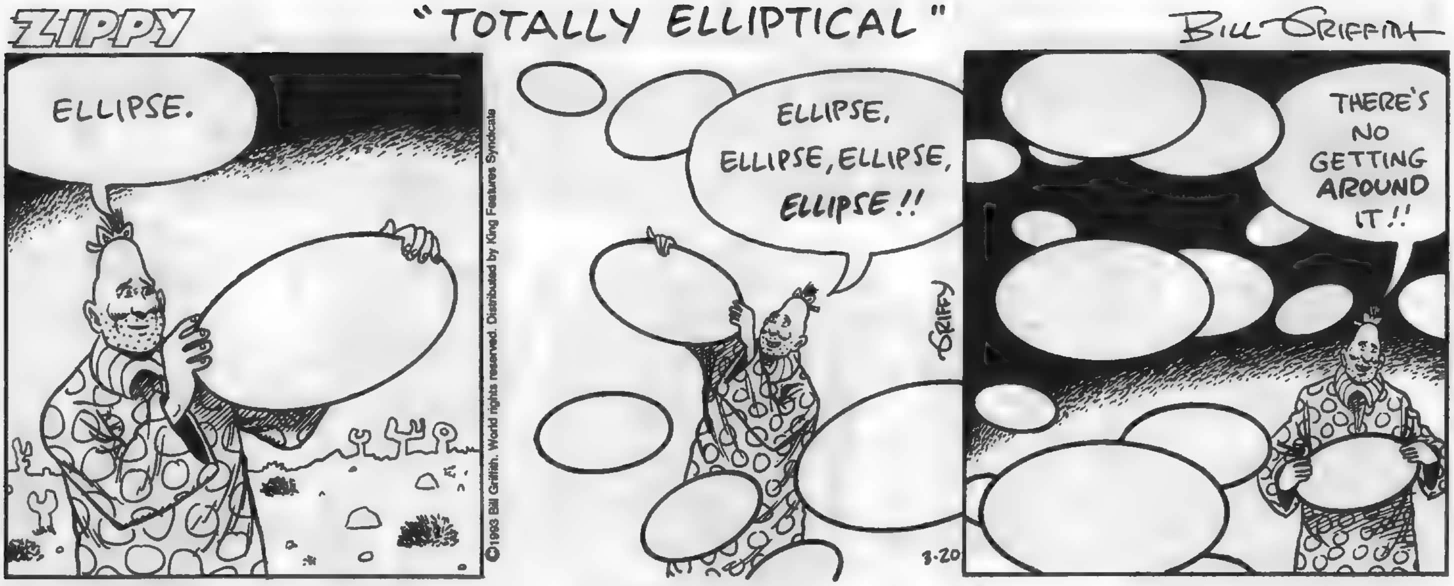
ETHNIC RIVALRY, NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS, CIVIL WARS--
EGG-PLANT.
CHAOS IS TH' NEW WORLD ORDER..
SQUASH.
GRIFFY
3.19
TIP O' THE PIN TO MS. D. NOOMIN!
HOW DO YOU REMAIN SO UNWORRIED, ZIPPY?
MY MIND'S ON VEGEMATIC!


ZIPPY
"TOTALLY ELLIPTICAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
ELLIPSE.
ELLIPSE, ELLIPSE, ELLIPSE, ELLIPSE!!
THERE'S NO GETTING AROUND IT!!
GRIFFY
3-20
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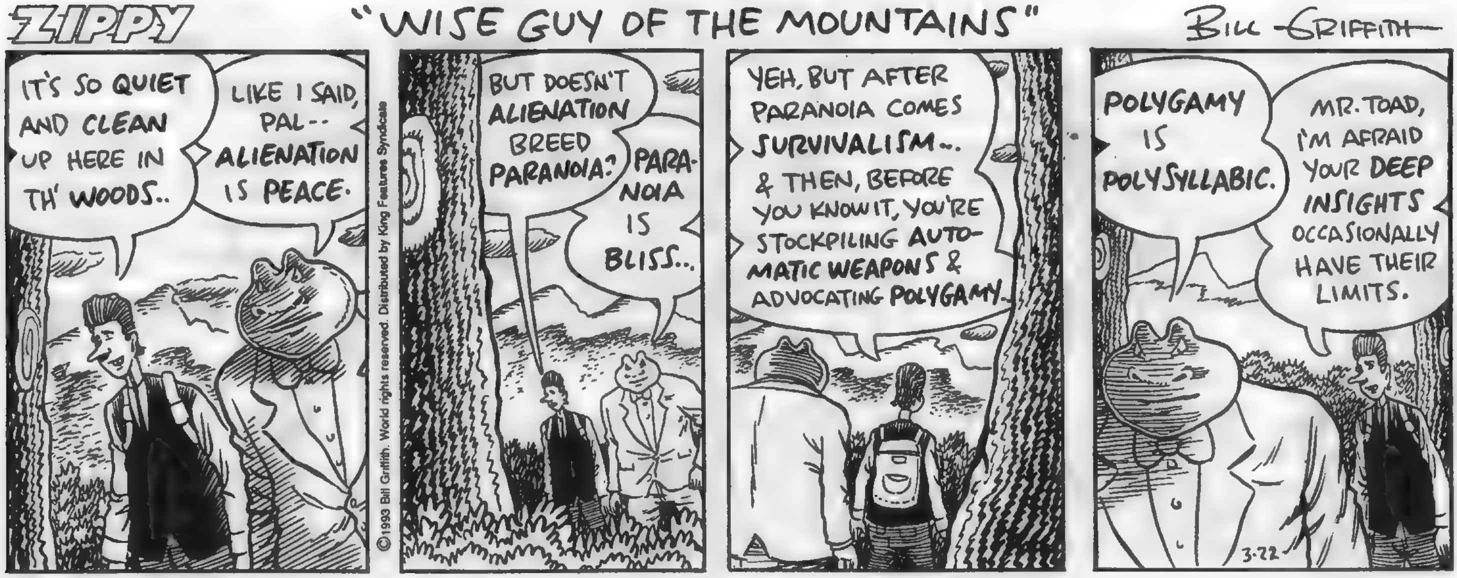
ZIPPY
"WISE GUY OF THE MOUNTAINS"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S SO QUIET AND CLEAN UP HERE IN TH' WOODS..
LIKE I SAID, PAL-- ALIENATION IS PEACE.
BUT DOESN'T ALIENATION BREED PARANOIA?
PARANOIA IS BLISS...
YEH, BUT AFTER PARANOIA COMES SURVIVALISM... & THEN, BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, YOU'RE STOCKPILING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS & ADVOCATING POLYGAMY.
POLYGAMY IS POLYSYLLABIC.
MR. TOAD, I'M AFRAID YOUR DEEP INSIGHTS OCCASIONALLY HAVE THEIR LIMITS.
3-22
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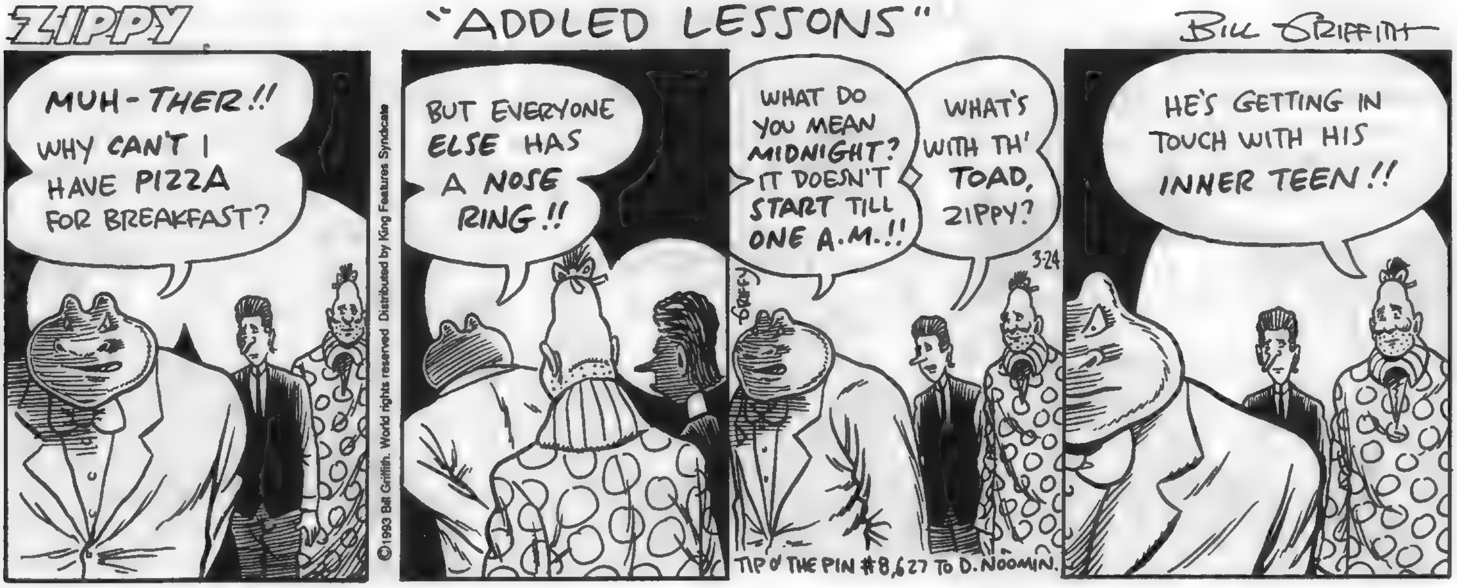
ZIPPY
"ADDLED LESSONS"
BILL GRIFFITH
MUH-THER!! WHY CAN'T I HAVE PIZZA FOR BREAKFAST?
BUT EVERYONE ELSE HAS A NOSE RING!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN MIDNIGHT? IT DOESN'T START TILL ONE A.M.!!
WHAT'S WITH TH' TOAD, ZIPPY?
HE'S GETTING IN TOUCH WITH HIS INNER TEEN!!
GRIFFY
3-24
TIP O' THE PIN #8,627 TO D. NOOMIN.
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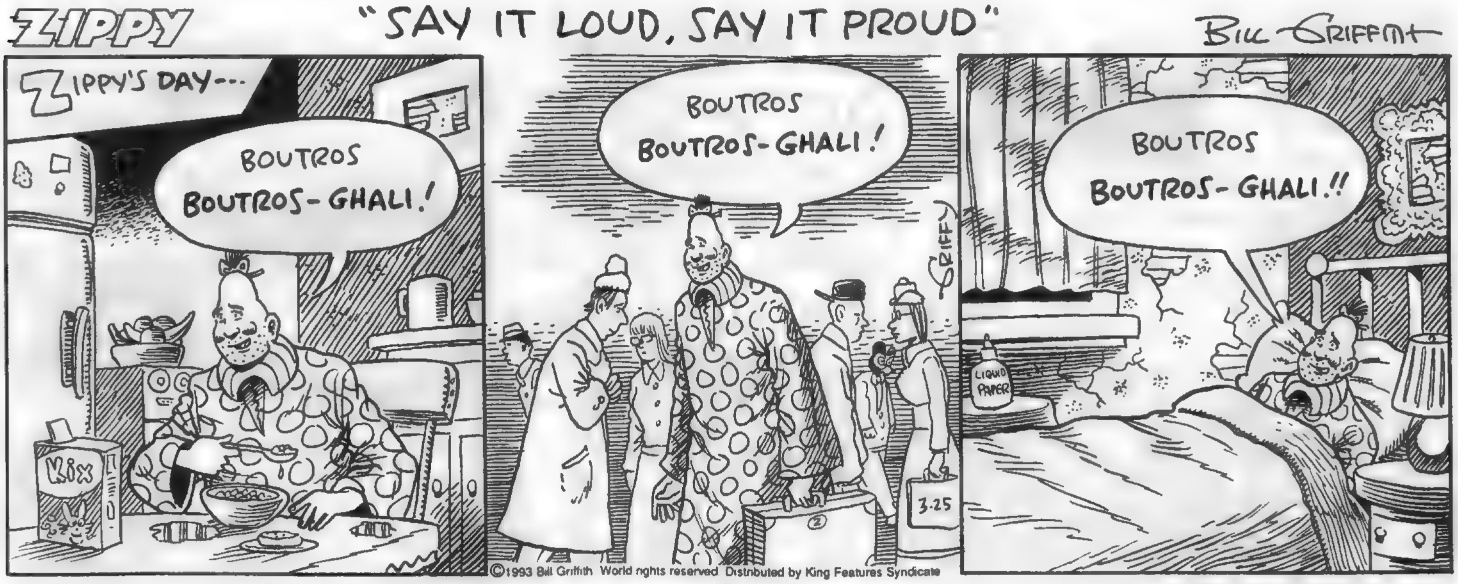
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"SAY IT LOUD, SAY IT PROUD"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY'S DAY---
BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI!
Kix
BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI!
GRIFFY
3-25
BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI!!
LIQUID PAPER

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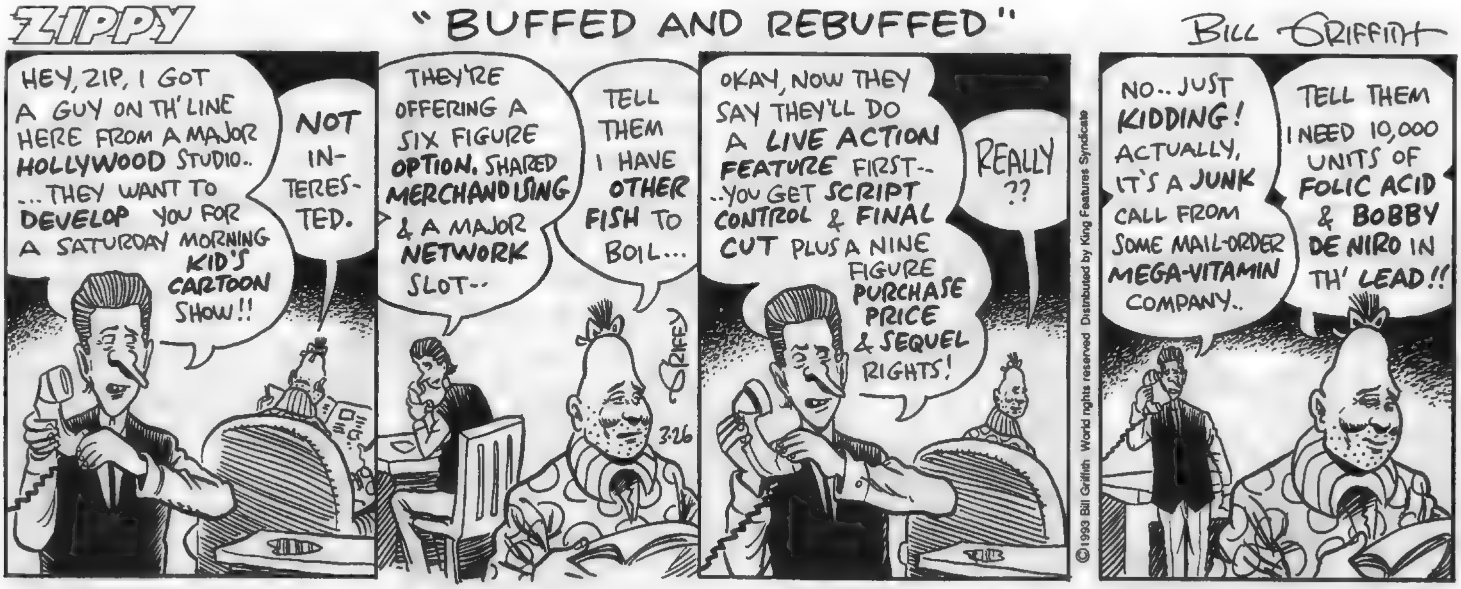
ZIPPY
"BUFFED AND REBUFFED"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, ZIP, I GOT A GUY ON TH' LINE HERE FROM A MAJOR HOLLYWOOD STUDIO.. ...THEY WANT TO DEVELOP YOU FOR A SATURDAY MORNING KID'S CARTOON SHOW!!
NOT IN-TERES-TED.
THEY'RE OFFERING A SIX FIGURE OPTION, SHARED MERCHANDISING & A MAJOR NETWORK SLOT--
TELL THEM I HAVE OTHER FISH TO BOIL...
GRIFFY
3-26
OKAY, NOW THEY SAY THEY'LL DO A LIVE ACTION FEATURE FIRST-- ..YOU GET SCRIPT CONTROL & FINAL CUT PLUS A NINE FIGURE PURCHASE PRICE & SEQUEL RIGHTS!
REALLY ??
NO.. JUST KIDDING! ACTUALLY, IT'S A JUNK CALL FROM SOME MAIL-ORDER MEGA-VITAMIN COMPANY..
TELL THEM I NEED 10,000 UNITS OF FOLIC ACID & BOBBY DE NIRO IN TH' LEAD!!

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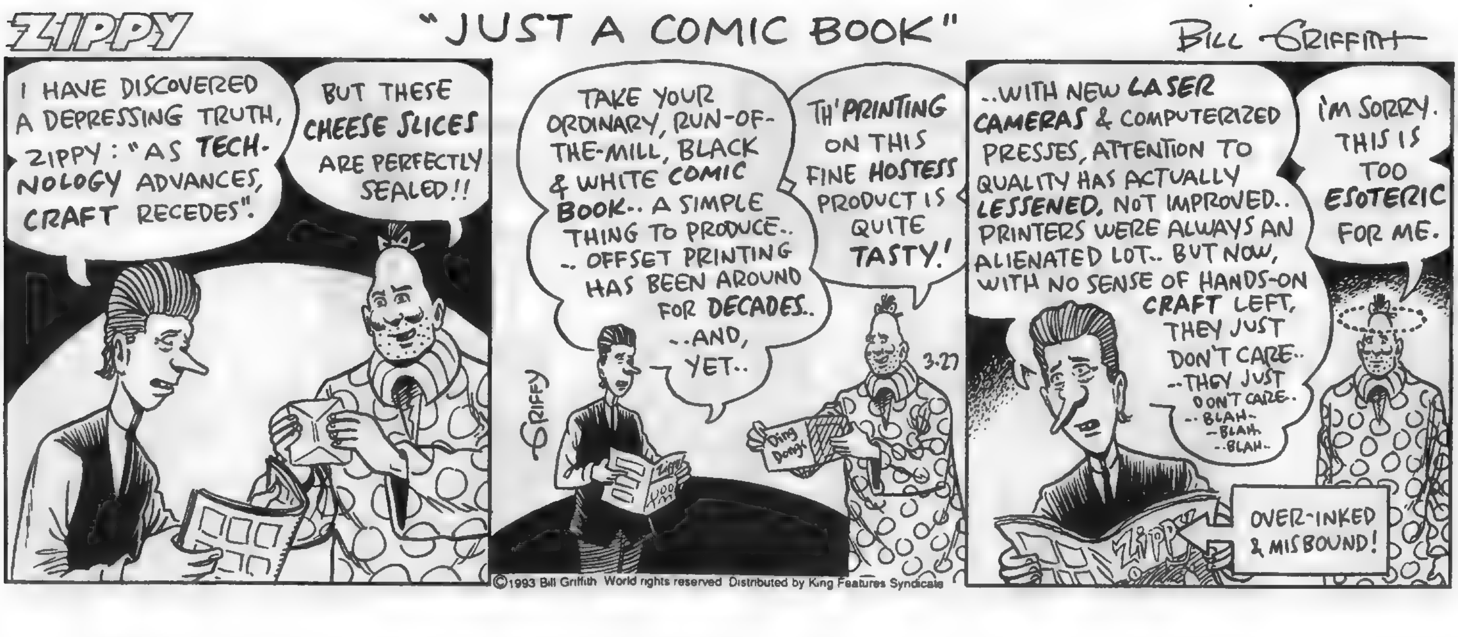
ZIPPY
"JUST A COMIC BOOK"
BILL GRIFFITH
I HAVE DISCOVERED A DEPRESSING TRUTH, ZIPPY: "AS TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES, CRAFT RECEDES".
BUT THESE CHEESE SLICES ARE PERFECTLY SEALED!!
TAKE YOUR ORDINARY, RUN-OF-THE-MILL, BLACK & WHITE COMIC BOOK.. A SIMPLE THING TO PRODUCE.. ..OFFSET PRINTING HAS BEEN AROUND FOR DECADES.. ..AND, YET..
TH' PRINTING ON THIS FINE HOSTESS PRODUCT IS QUITE TASTY!
GRIFFY
Ding Dongs
3-27
..WITH NEW LASER CAMERAS & COMPUTERIZED PRESSES, ATTENTION TO QUALITY HAS ACTUALLY LESSENED, NOT IMPROVED.. PRINTERS WERE ALWAYS AN ALIENATED LOT.. BUT NOW, WITH NO SENSE OF HANDS-ON CRAFT LEFT, THEY JUST DON'T CARE.. --THEY JUST DON'T CARE.. --BLAH-- --BLAH-- --BLAH--
I'M SORRY. THIS IS TOO ESOTERIC FOR ME.
Zippy
OVER-INKED & MISBOUND!

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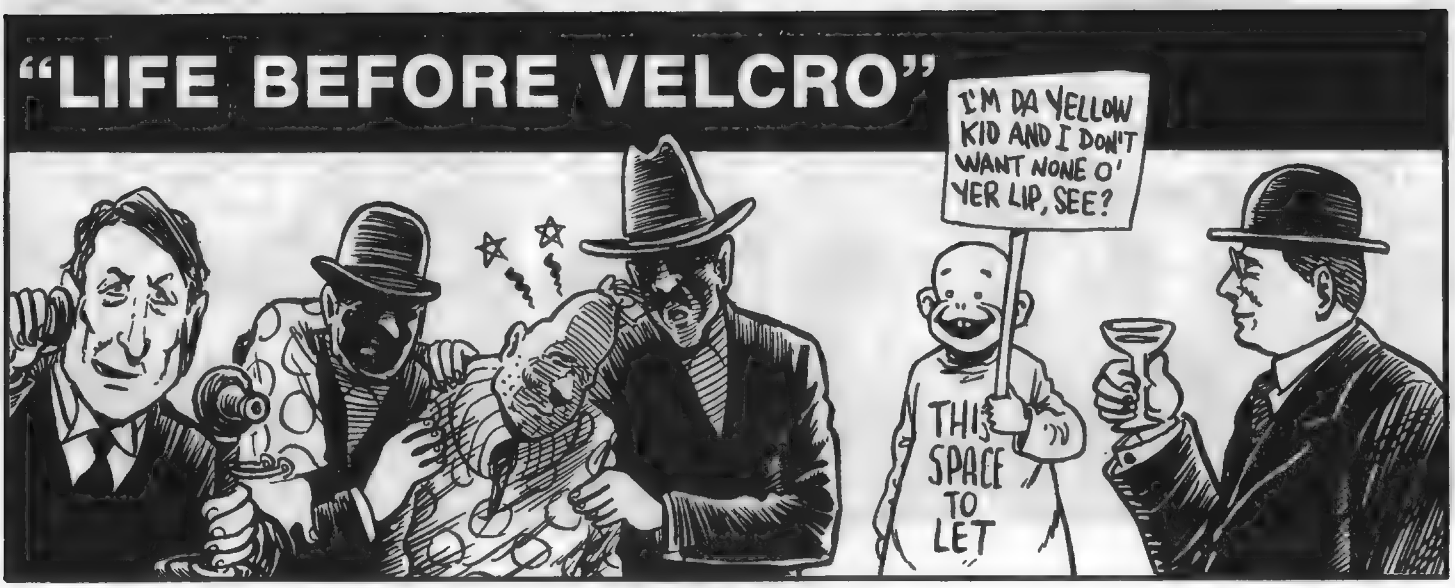
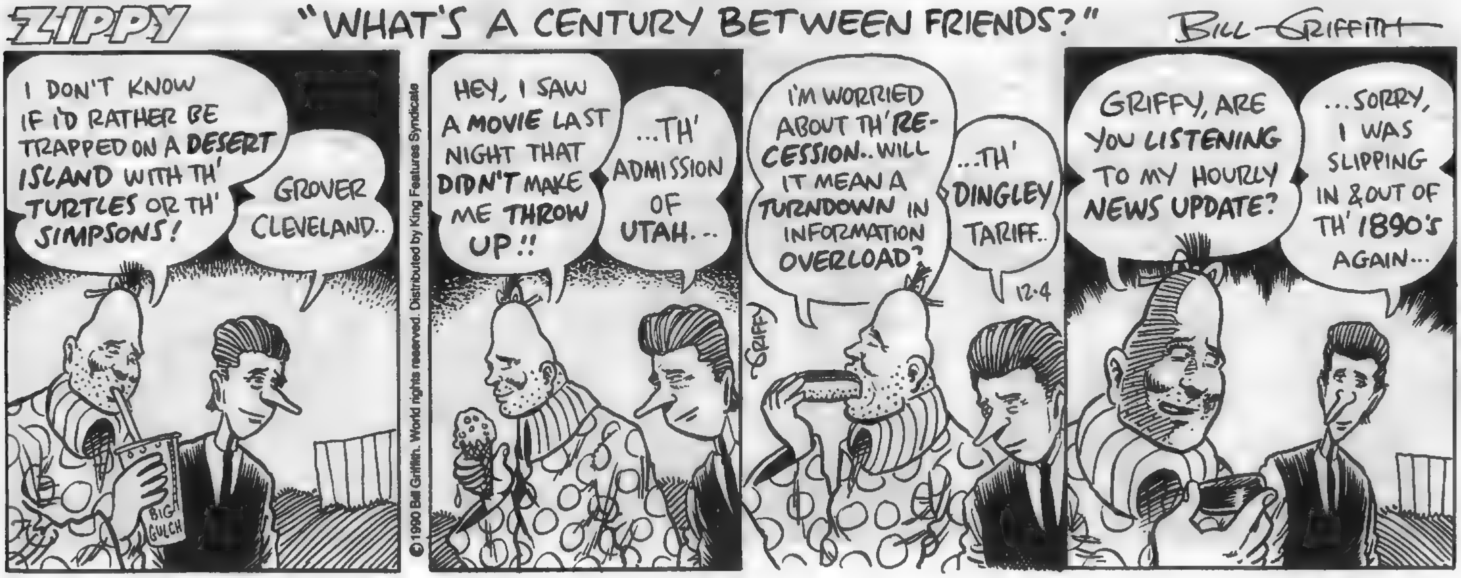

"LIFE BEFORE VELCRO"
I'M DA YELLOW KID AND I DON'T WANT NONE O' YER LIP, SEE?
THIS SPACE TO LET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"WHAT'S A CENTURY BETWEEN FRIENDS?"
BILL GRIFFITH
I DON'T KNOW IF I'D RATHER BE TRAPPED ON A DESERT ISLAND WITH TH' TURTLES OR TH' SIMPSONS!
GROVER CLEVELAND..
BIG GULCH
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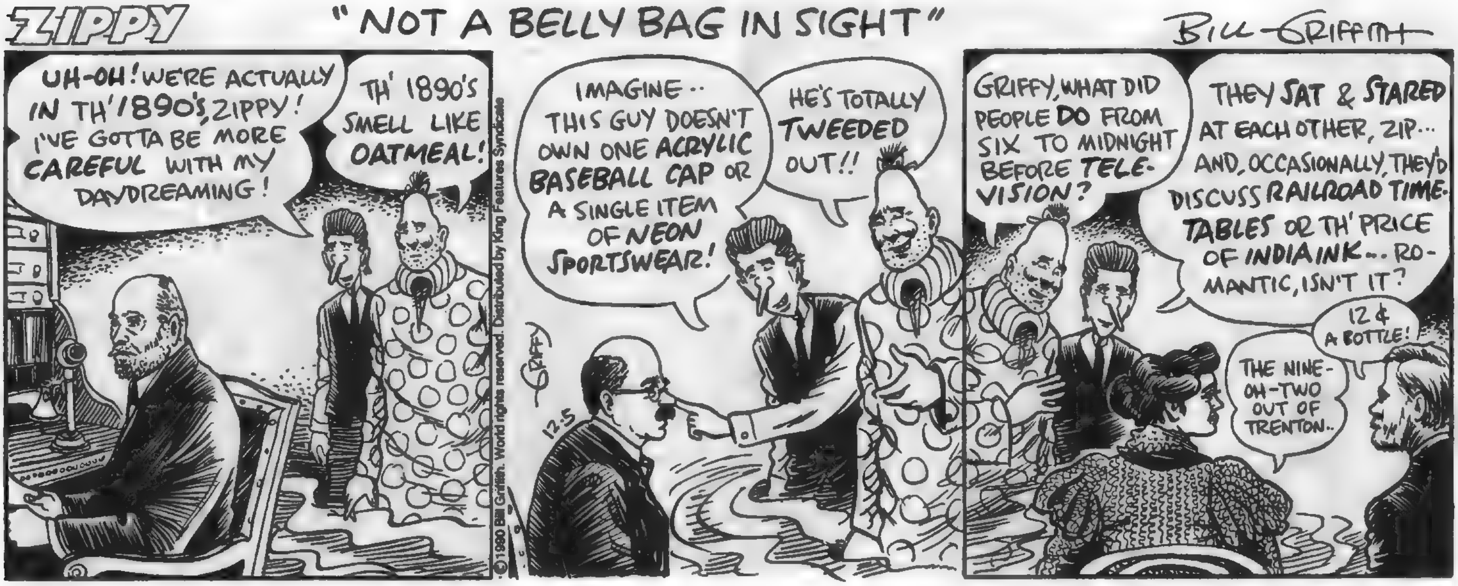
HEY, I SAW A MOVIE LAST NIGHT THAT DIDN'T MAKE ME THROW UP!!
...TH' ADMISSION OF UTAH...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT TH' RECESSION.. WILL IT MEAN A TURNDOWN IN INFORMATION OVERLOAD?
...TH' DINGLEY TARIFF..
12·4
GRIFFY
GRIFFY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO MY HOURLY NEWS UPDATE?
...SORRY, I WAS SLIPPING IN & OUT OF TH' 1890'S AGAIN...


ZIPPY
"NOT A BELLY BAG IN SIGHT"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH-OH! WE'RE ACTUALLY IN TH' 1890'S, ZIPPY! I'VE GOTTA BE MORE CAREFUL WITH MY DAYDREAMING!
TH' 1890'S SMELL LIKE OATMEAL!
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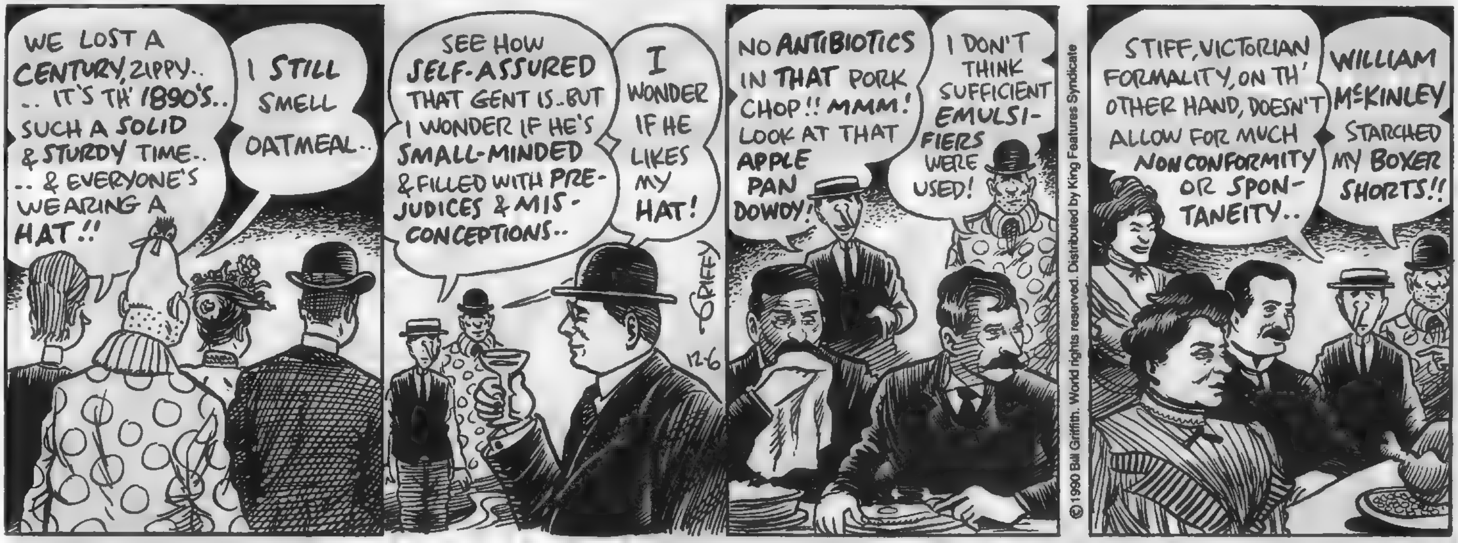
IMAGINE.. THIS GUY DOESN'T OWN ONE ACRYLIC BASEBALL CAP OR A SINGLE ITEM OF NEON SPORTSWEAR!
HE'S TOTALLY TWEEDED OUT!!
12·5
GRIFFY
GRIFFY, WHAT DID PEOPLE DO FROM SIX TO MIDNIGHT BEFORE TELEVISION?
THEY SAT & STARED AT EACH OTHER, ZIP... AND, OCCASIONALLY, THEY'D DISCUSS RAILROAD TIMETABLES OR TH' PRICE OF INDIA INK.. ROMANTIC, ISN'T IT?
12 & A BOTTLE!
THE NINE-OH-TWO OUT OF TRENTON..

ZIPPY "HISTORY AND UNDERWEAR" BILL GRIFFITH


WE LOST A CENTURY, ZIPPY.. .. IT'S TH' 1890'S.. SUCH A SOLID & STURDY TIME.. .. & EVERYONE'S WEARING A HAT!!
I STILL SMELL OATMEAL..
SEE HOW SELF-ASSURED THAT GENT IS..BUT I WONDER IF HE'S SMALL-MINDED & FILLED WITH PREJUDICES & MISCONCEPTIONS..
I WONDER IF HE LIKES MY HAT!
GRIFFY
12-6
NO ANTIBIOTICS IN THAT PORK CHOP!! MMM! LOOK AT THAT APPLE PAN DOWDY!
I DON'T THINK SUFFICIENT EMULSIFIERS WERE USED!
STIFF, VICTORIAN FORMALITY, ON TH' OTHER HAND, DOESN'T ALLOW FOR MUCH NONCONFORMITY OR SPONTANEITY..
WILLIAM McKINLEY STARCHED MY BOXER SHORTS!!
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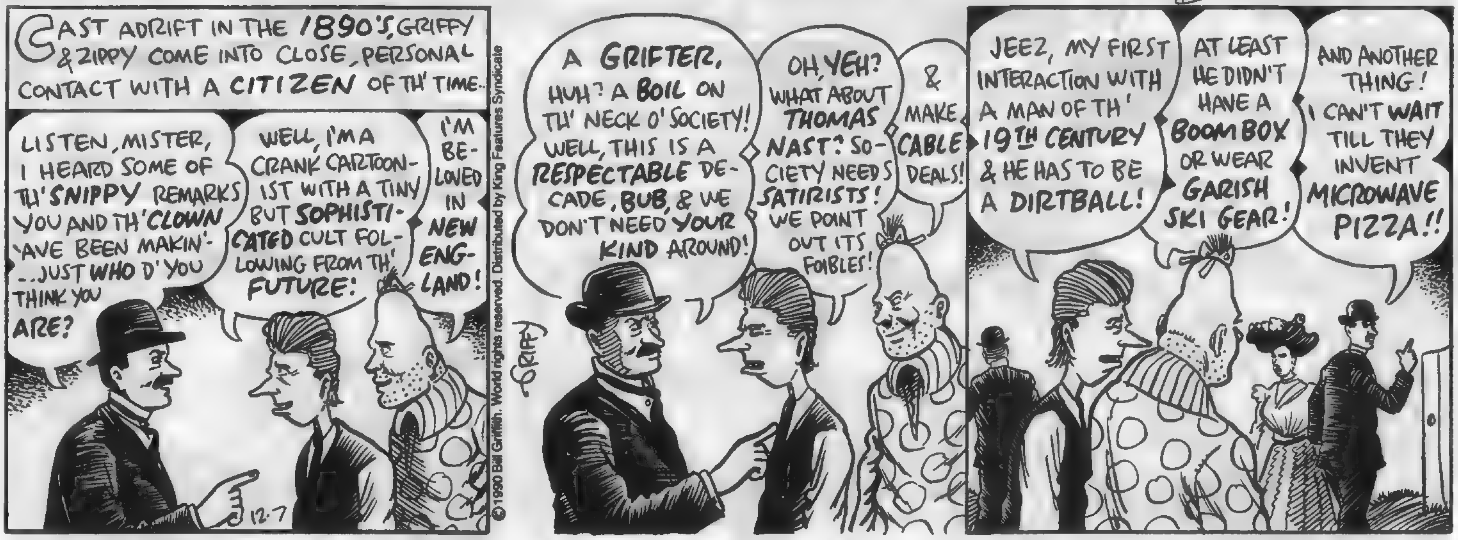
ZIPPY "HOLD THE PINEAPPLE" BILL GRIFFITH


CAST ADRIFT IN THE 1890'S, GRIFFY & ZIPPY COME INTO CLOSE, PERSONAL CONTACT WITH A CITIZEN OF TH' TIME..
LISTEN, MISTER, I HEARD SOME OF TH' SNIPPY REMARKS YOU AND TH' CLOWN 'AVE BEEN MAKIN'..JUST WHO D' YOU THINK YOU ARE?
WELL, I'M A CRANK CARTOONIST WITH A TINY BUT SOPHISTICATED CULT FOLLOWING FROM TH' FUTURE!
I'M BELOVED IN NEW ENGLAND!
12-7
A GRIFTER, HUH? A BOIL ON TH' NECK O' SOCIETY! WELL, THIS IS A RESPECTABLE DECADE, BUB, & WE DON'T NEED YOUR KIND AROUND!
OH, YEH? WHAT ABOUT THOMAS NAST? SOCIETY NEEDS SATIRISTS! WE POINT OUT ITS FOIBLES!
& MAKE CABLE DEALS!
GRIFFY
JEEZ, MY FIRST INTERACTION WITH A MAN OF TH' 19TH CENTURY & HE HAS TO BE A DIRTBALL!
AT LEAST HE DIDN'T HAVE A BOOM BOX OR WEAR GARISH SKI GEAR!
AND ANOTHER THING! I CAN'T WAIT TILL THEY INVENT MICROWAVE PIZZA!!
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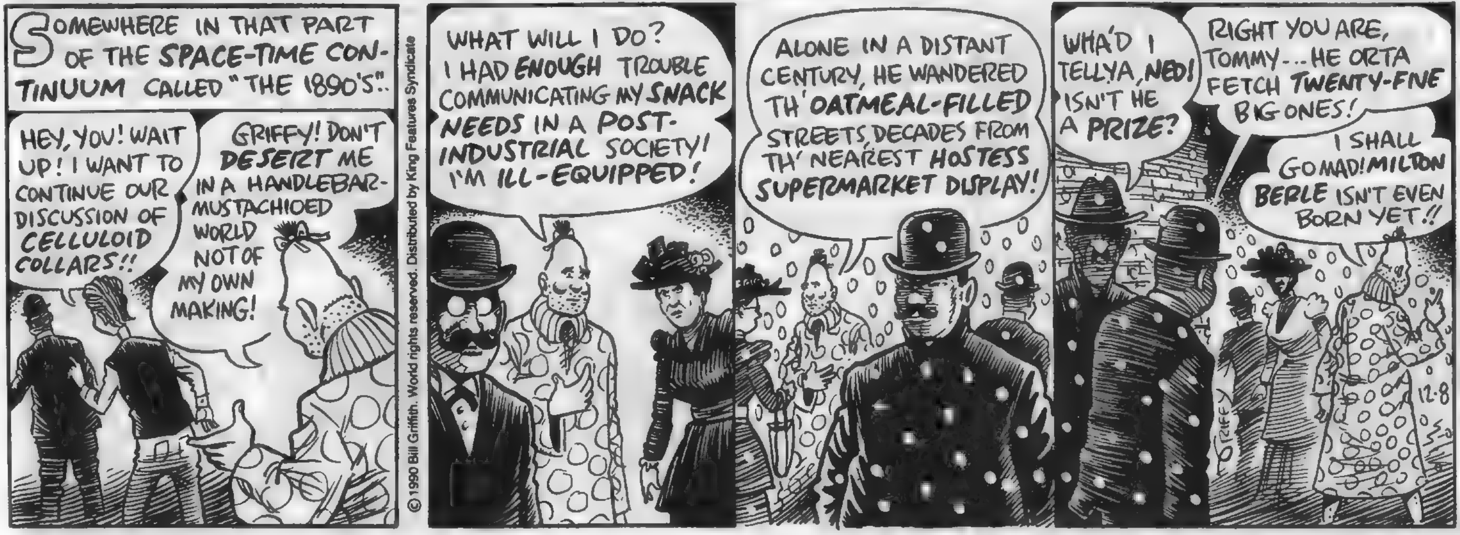
ZIPPY "REDUCED AND ABANDONED" BILL GRIFFITH


SOMEWHERE IN THAT PART OF THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM CALLED "THE 1890'S"..
HEY, YOU! WAIT UP! I WANT TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION OF CELLULOID COLLARS!!
GRIFFY! DON'T DESERT ME IN A HANDLEBAR-MUSTACHIOED WORLD NOT OF MY OWN MAKING!
WHAT WILL I DO? I HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE COMMUNICATING MY SNACK NEEDS IN A POST-INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY! I'M ILL-EQUIPPED!
ALONE IN A DISTANT CENTURY, HE WANDERED TH' OATMEAL-FILLED STREETS, DECADES FROM TH' NEAREST HOSTESS SUPERMARKET DISPLAY!
WHA'D I TELLYA, NED! ISN'T HE A PRIZE?
RIGHT YOU ARE, TOMMY...HE ORTA FETCH TWENTY-FIVE BIG ONES!
I SHALL GO MAD! MILTON BERLE ISN'T EVEN BORN YET!!
GRIFFY
12-8
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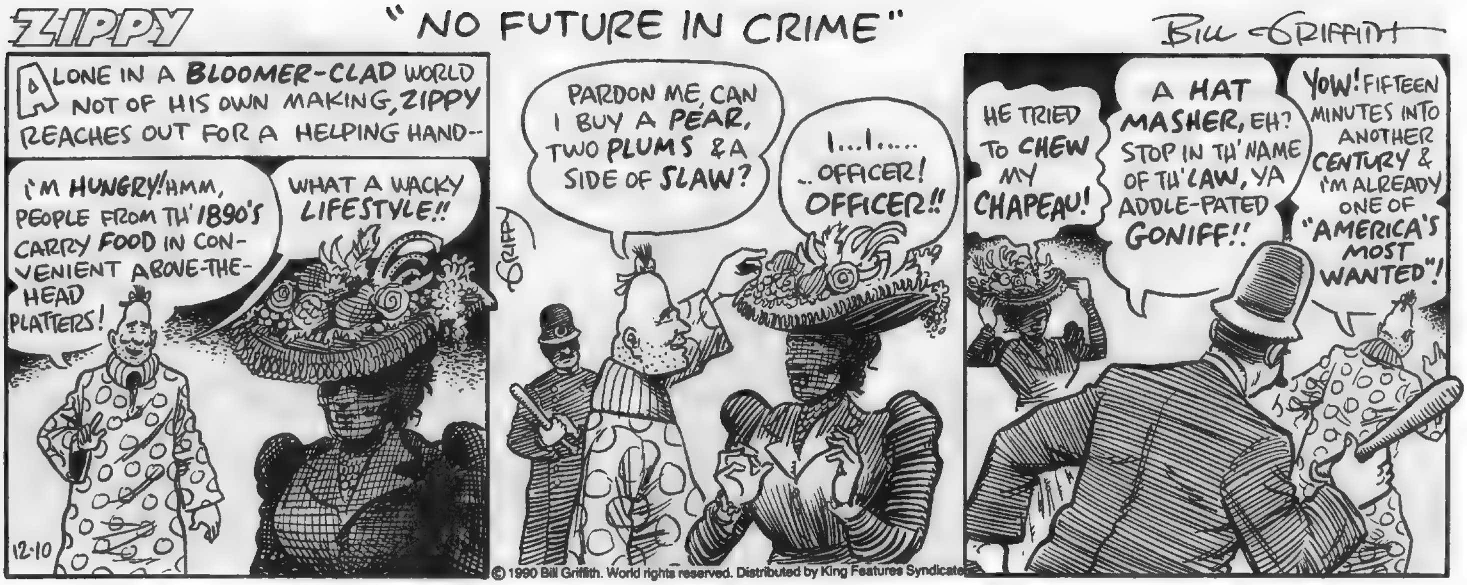
ZIPPY
"NO FUTURE IN CRIME"
BILL GRIFFITH
ALONE IN A BLOOMER-CLAD WORLD NOT OF HIS OWN MAKING, ZIPPY REACHES OUT FOR A HELPING HAND--
I'M HUNGRY! HMM, PEOPLE FROM TH' 1890'S CARRY FOOD IN CONVENIENT ABOVE-THE-HEAD PLATTERS!
WHAT A WACKY LIFESTYLE!!
12-10
GRIFFY
PARDON ME, CAN I BUY A PEAR, TWO PLUMS & A SIDE OF SLAW?
I...I.... ..OFFICER! OFFICER!!
GRIFFY
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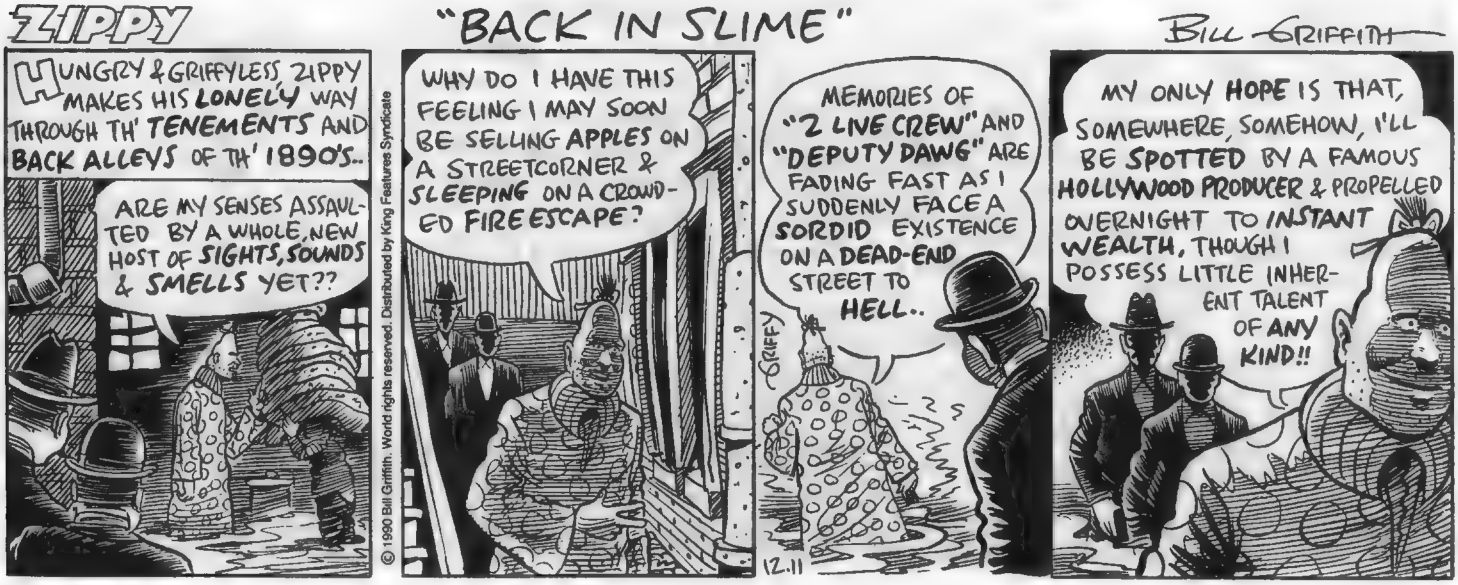
HE TRIED TO CHEW MY CHAPEAU!
A HAT MASHER, EH? STOP IN TH' NAME OF TH' LAW, YA ADDLE-PATED GONIFF!!
YOW! FIFTEEN MINUTES INTO ANOTHER CENTURY & I'M ALREADY ONE OF "AMERICA'S MOST WANTED"!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"BACK IN SLIME"
BILL GRIFFITH
HUNGRY & GRIFFYLESS, ZIPPY MAKES HIS LONELY WAY THROUGH TH' TENEMENTS AND BACK ALLEYS OF TH' 1890'S..
ARE MY SENSES ASSAULTED BY A WHOLE, NEW HOST OF SIGHTS, SOUNDS & SMELLS YET??
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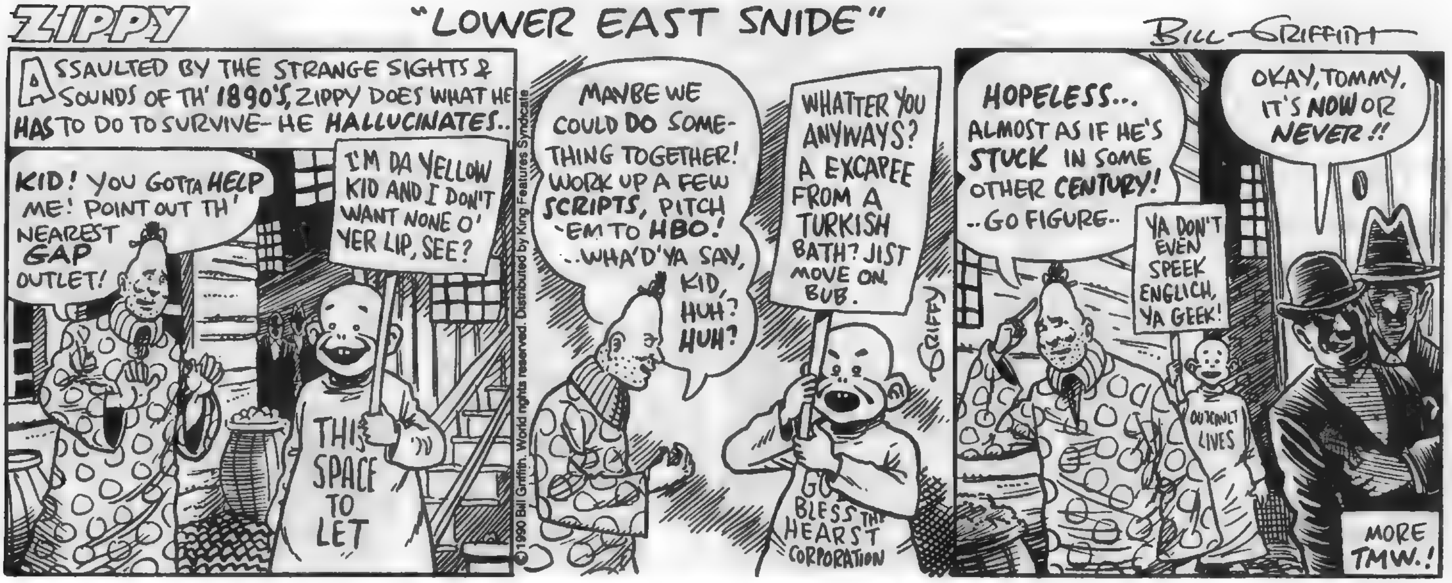
WHY DO I HAVE THIS FEELING I MAY SOON BE SELLING APPLES ON A STREETCORNER & SLEEPING ON A CROWDED FIRE ESCAPE?
MEMORIES OF "2 LIVE CREW" AND "DEPUTY DAWG" ARE FADING FAST AS I SUDDENLY FACE A SORDID EXISTENCE ON A DEAD-END STREET TO HELL..
GRIFFY
12.11
MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT, SOMEWHERE, SOMEHOW, I'LL BE SPOTTED BY A FAMOUS HOLLYWOOD PRODUCER & PROPELLED OVERNIGHT TO INSTANT WEALTH, THOUGH I POSSESS LITTLE INHERENT TALENT OF ANY KIND!!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"LOWER EAST SNIDE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ASSAULTED BY THE STRANGE SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF TH' 1890'S, ZIPPY DOES WHAT HE HAS TO DO TO SURVIVE- HE HALLUCINATES..
KID! YOU GOTTA HELP ME! POINT OUT TH' NEAREST GAP OUTLET!
I'M DA YELLOW KID AND I DON'T WANT NONE O' YER LIP, SEE?
THIS SPACE TO LET
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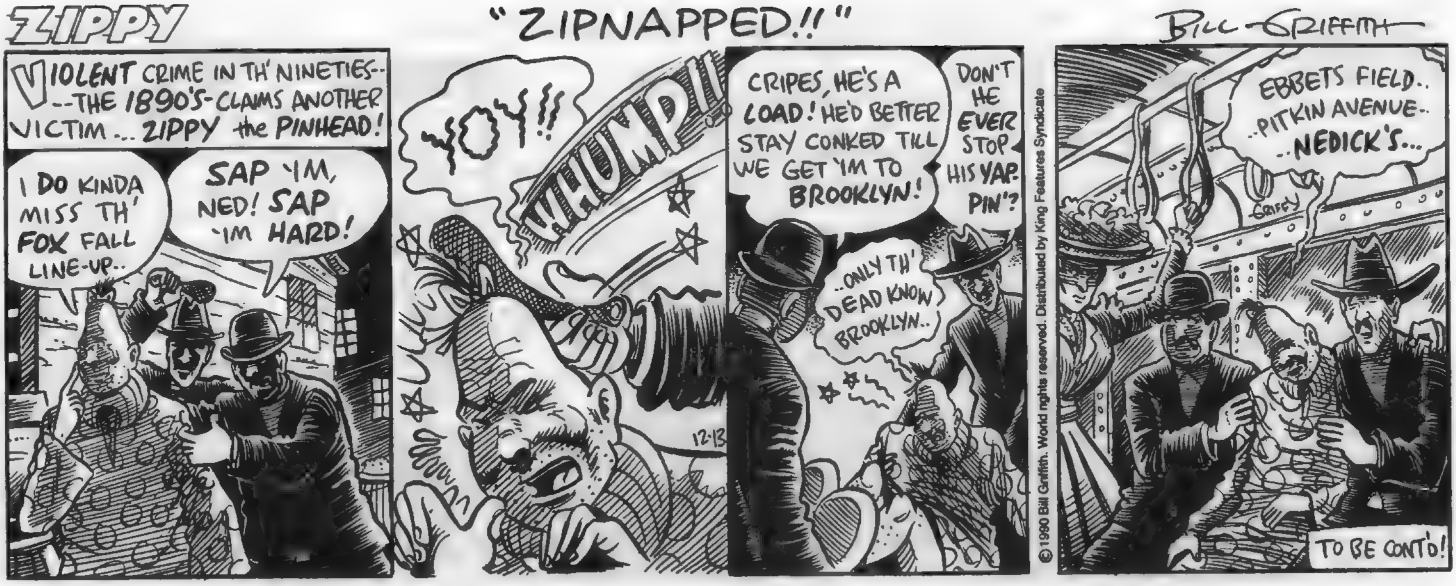
MAYBE WE COULD DO SOMETHING TOGETHER! WORK UP A FEW SCRIPTS, PITCH 'EM TO HBO! ..WHA'D'YA SAY, KID, HUH? HUH?
WHATTER YOU ANYWAYS? A EXCAPEE FROM A TURKISH BATH? JUST MOVE ON, BUB.
GOD BLESS TH' HEARST CORPORATION
GRIFFY
HOPELESS... ALMOST AS IF HE'S STUCK IN SOME OTHER CENTURY! ..GO FIGURE..
YA DON'T EVEN SPEEK ENGLICH, YA GEEK!
OUTCAULT LIVES
OKAY, TOMMY, IT'S NOW OR NEVER!!
MORE TMW.!


ZIPPY
"ZIPNAPPED!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
VIOLENT CRIME IN TH' NINETIES-- --THE 1890'S-CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM... ZIPPY the PINHEAD!
I DO KINDA MISS TH' FOX FALL LINE-UP..
SAP 'IM, NED! SAP 'IM HARD!
YOY!!
WHUMP!!
12-13
CRIPES, HE'S A LOAD! HE'D BETTER STAY CONKED TILL WE GET 'IM TO BROOKLYN!
DON'T HE EVER STOP HIS YAP-PIN'?
..ONLY TH' DEAD KNOW BROOKLYN..
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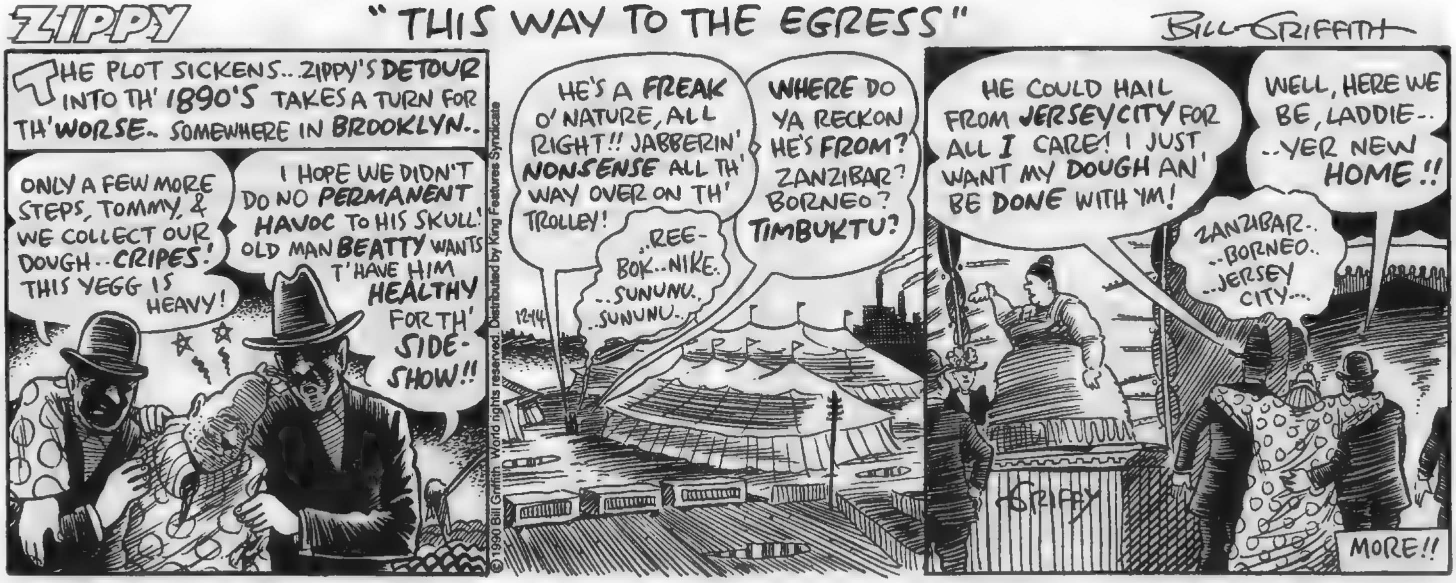
EBBETS FIELD.. ..PITKIN AVENUE.. ..NEDICK'S...
GRIFFY
TO BE CONT'D!


ZIPPY
"THIS WAY TO THE EGRESS"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE PLOT SICKENS...ZIPPY'S DETOUR INTO TH' 1890'S TAKES A TURN FOR TH' WORSE.. SOMEWHERE IN BROOKLYN..
ONLY A FEW MORE STEPS, TOMMY, & WE COLLECT OUR DOUGH..CRIPES! THIS YEGG IS HEAVY!
I HOPE WE DIDN'T DO NO PERMANENT HAVOC TO HIS SKULL! OLD MAN BEATTY WANTS T'HAVE HIM HEALTHY FOR TH' SIDE-SHOW!!
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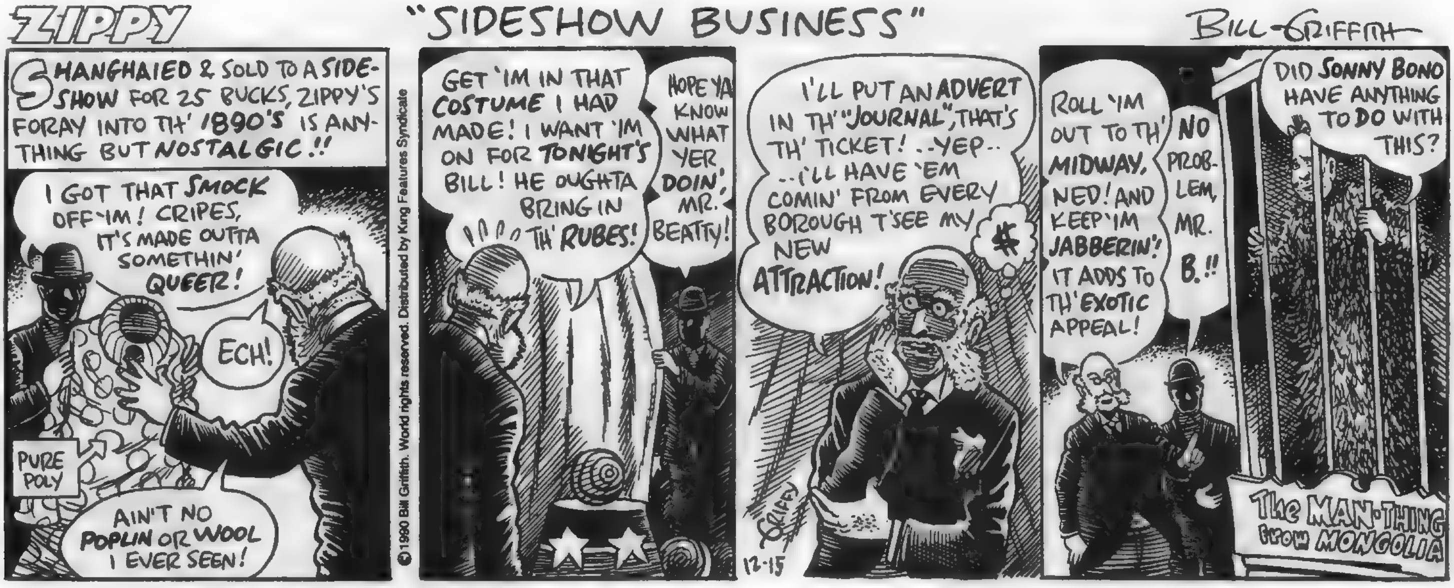
HE'S A FREAK O' NATURE, ALL RIGHT!! JABBERIN' NONSENSE ALL TH' WAY OVER ON TH' TROLLEY!
WHERE DO YA RECKON HE'S FROM? ZANZIBAR? BORNEO? TIMBUKTU?
..REE-BOK..NIKE.. ..SUNUNU.. ..SUNUNU..
12-14
HE COULD HAIL FROM JERSEY CITY FOR ALL I CARE! I JUST WANT MY DOUGH AN' BE DONE WITH 'IM!
WELL, HERE WE BE, LADDIE-- --YER NEW HOME!!
ZANZIBAR.. ..BORNEO.. ..JERSEY CITY...
GRIFFY
MORE!!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"SIDESHOW BUSINESS"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHANGHAIED & SOLD TO A SIDE-SHOW FOR 25 BUCKS, ZIPPY'S FORAY INTO TH' 1890'S IS ANY-THING BUT NOSTALGIC!!
I GOT THAT SMOCK OFF 'IM! CRIPES, IT'S MADE OUTTA SOMETHIN' QUEER!
ECH!
PURE POLY
AIN'T NO POPLIN OR WOOL I EVER SEEN!
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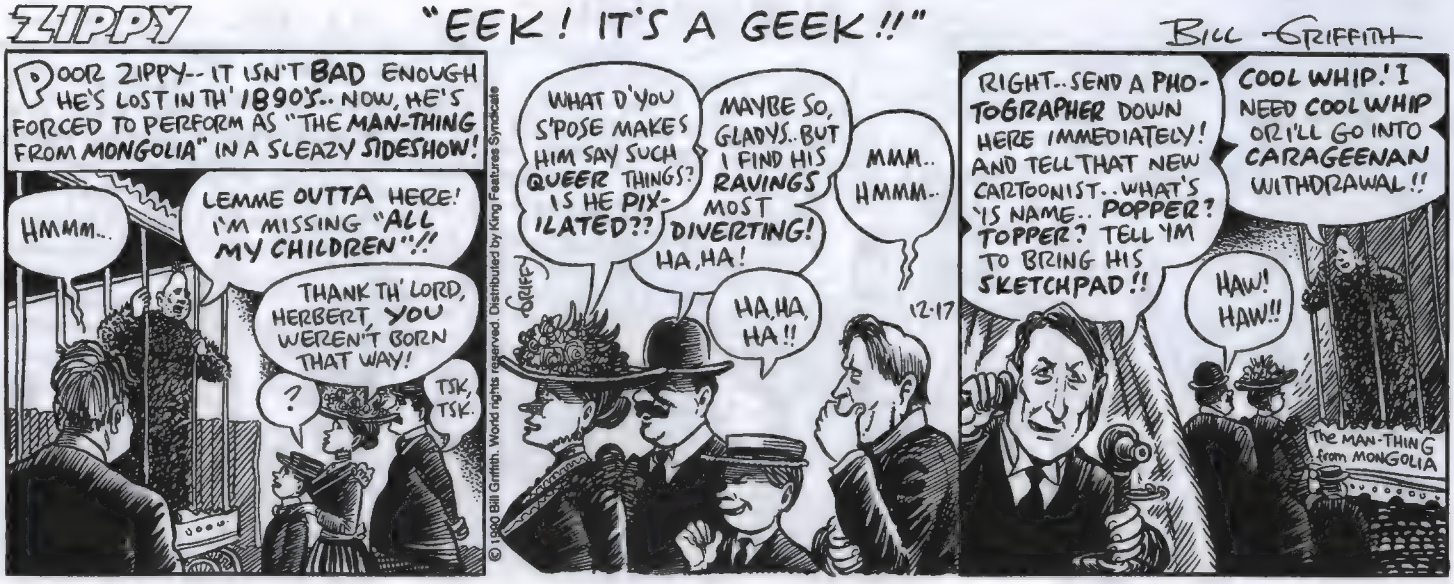
GET 'IM IN THAT COSTUME I HAD MADE! I WANT 'IM ON FOR TONIGHT'S BILL! HE OUGHTA BRING IN TH' RUBES!
HOPE YA KNOW WHAT YER DOIN', MR. BEATTY!
I'LL PUT AN ADVERT IN TH' "JOURNAL", THAT'S TH' TICKET! ..YEP.. ..I'LL HAVE 'EM COMIN' FROM EVERY BOROUGH T'SEE MY NEW ATTRACTION!
$
GRIFFY
12-15
ROLL 'IM OUT TO TH' MIDWAY, NED! AND KEEP 'IM JABBERIN'! IT ADDS TO TH' EXOTIC APPEAL!
NO PROB-LEM, MR. B.!!
DID SONNY BONO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS?
The MAN-THING from MONGOLIA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"EEK! IT'S A GEEK!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
POOR ZIPPY-- IT ISN'T BAD ENOUGH HE'S LOST IN TH' 1890'S.. NOW, HE'S FORCED TO PERFORM AS "THE MAN-THING FROM MONGOLIA" IN A SLEAZY SIDESHOW!
HMMM..
LEMME OUTTA HERE! I'M MISSING "ALL MY CHILDREN"!!
THANK TH' LORD, HERBERT, YOU WEREN'T BORN THAT WAY!
?
TSK, TSK.
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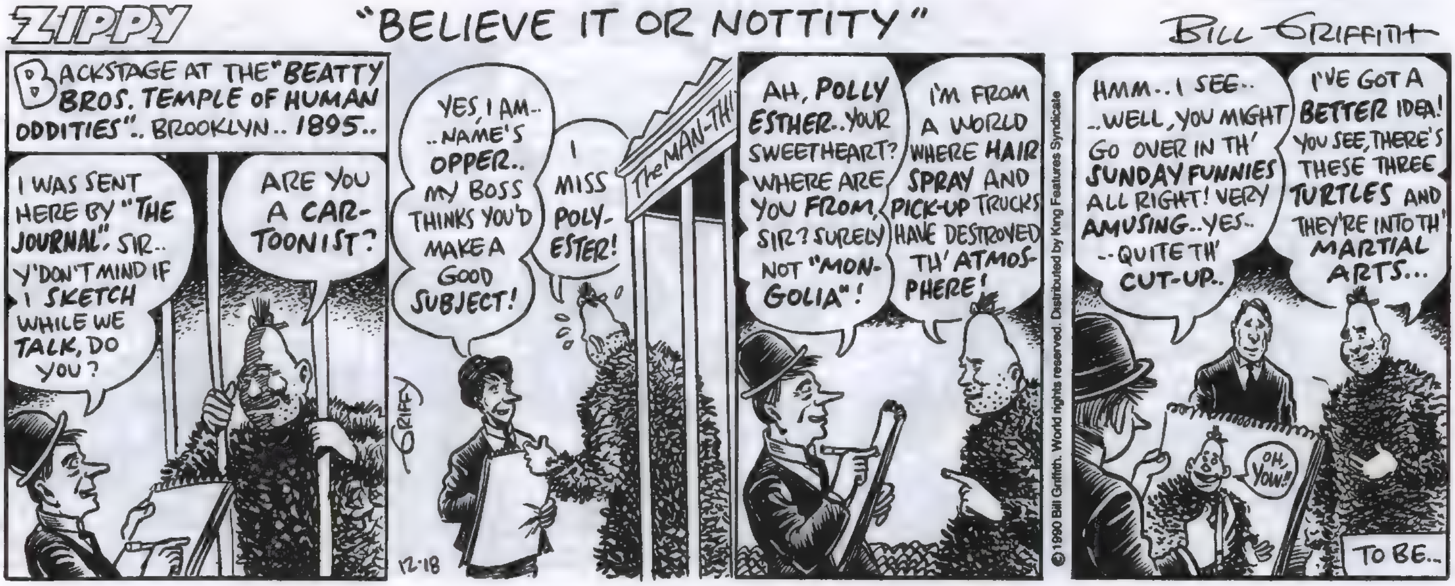
WHAT D'YOU S'POSE MAKES HIM SAY SUCH QUEER THINGS? IS HE PIX-ILATED??
MAYBE SO, GLADYS.. BUT I FIND HIS RAVINGS MOST DIVERTING! HA, HA!
HA, HA, HA!!
MMM.. HMMM..
GRIFFY
12·17
RIGHT.. SEND A PHOTOGRAPHER DOWN HERE IMMEDIATELY! AND TELL THAT NEW CARTOONIST.. WHAT'S 'IS NAME.. POPPER? TOPPER? TELL 'IM TO BRING HIS SKETCHPAD!!
COOL WHIP! I NEED COOL WHIP OR I'LL GO INTO CARAGEENAN WITHDRAWAL!!
HAW! HAW!!
The MAN-THING from MONGOLIA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"BELIEVE IT OR NOTTITY"
BILL GRIFFITH
BACKSTAGE AT THE "BEATTY BROS. TEMPLE OF HUMAN ODDITIES".. BROOKLYN.. 1895..
I WAS SENT HERE BY "THE JOURNAL", SIR.. Y'DON'T MIND IF I SKETCH WHILE WE TALK, DO YOU?
ARE YOU A CARTOONIST?
GRIFFY
12·18
YES, I AM.. ..NAME'S OPPER.. MY BOSS THINKS YOU'D MAKE A GOOD SUBJECT!
I MISS POLY-ESTER!
The MAN-TH
AH, POLLY ESTHER.. YOUR SWEETHEART? WHERE ARE YOU FROM, SIR? SURELY NOT "MONGOLIA"!
I'M FROM A WORLD WHERE HAIR SPRAY AND PICK-UP TRUCKS HAVE DESTROYED TH' ATMOSPHERE!
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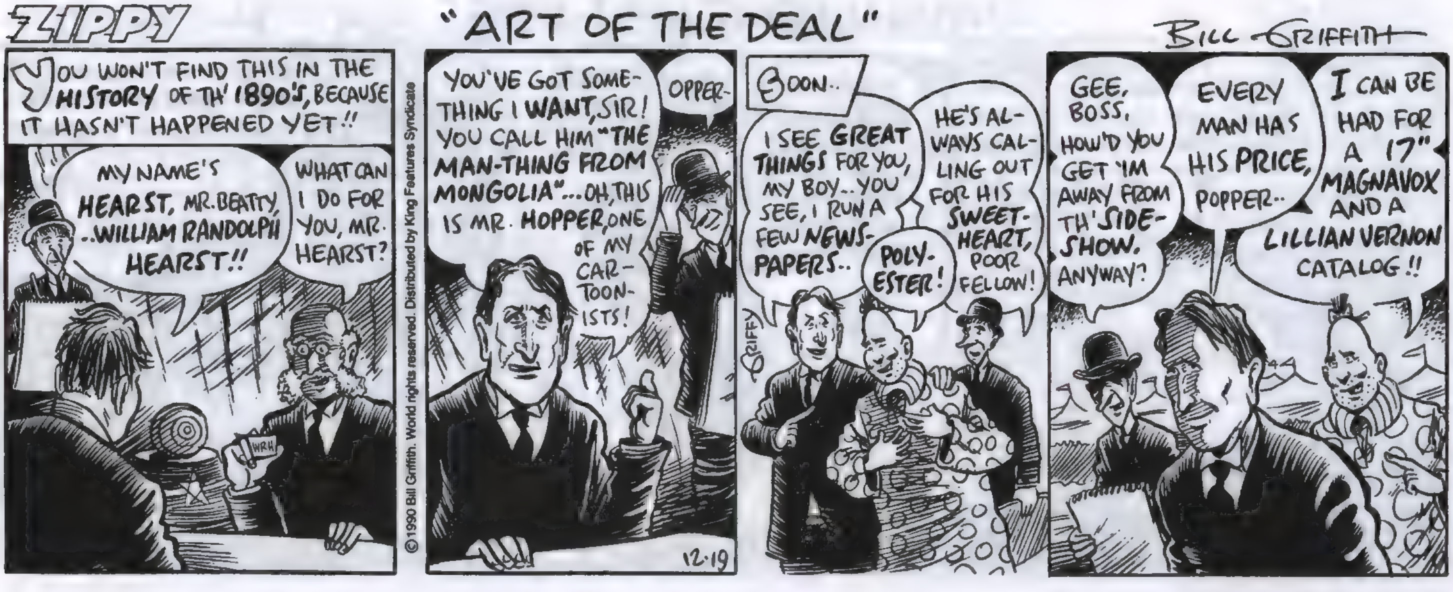
HMM.. I SEE.. ..WELL, YOU MIGHT GO OVER IN TH' SUNDAY FUNNIES ALL RIGHT! VERY AMUSING.. YES.. --QUITE TH' CUT-UP..
I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA! YOU SEE, THERE'S THESE THREE TURTLES AND THEY'RE INTO TH' MARTIAL ARTS...
OH, YOW!!
TO BE..


ZIPPY
"ART OF THE DEAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU WON'T FIND THIS IN THE HISTORY OF TH' 1890'S, BECAUSE IT HASN'T HAPPENED YET!!
MY NAME'S HEARST, MR. BEATTY, ..WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST!!
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, MR. HEARST?
WRH
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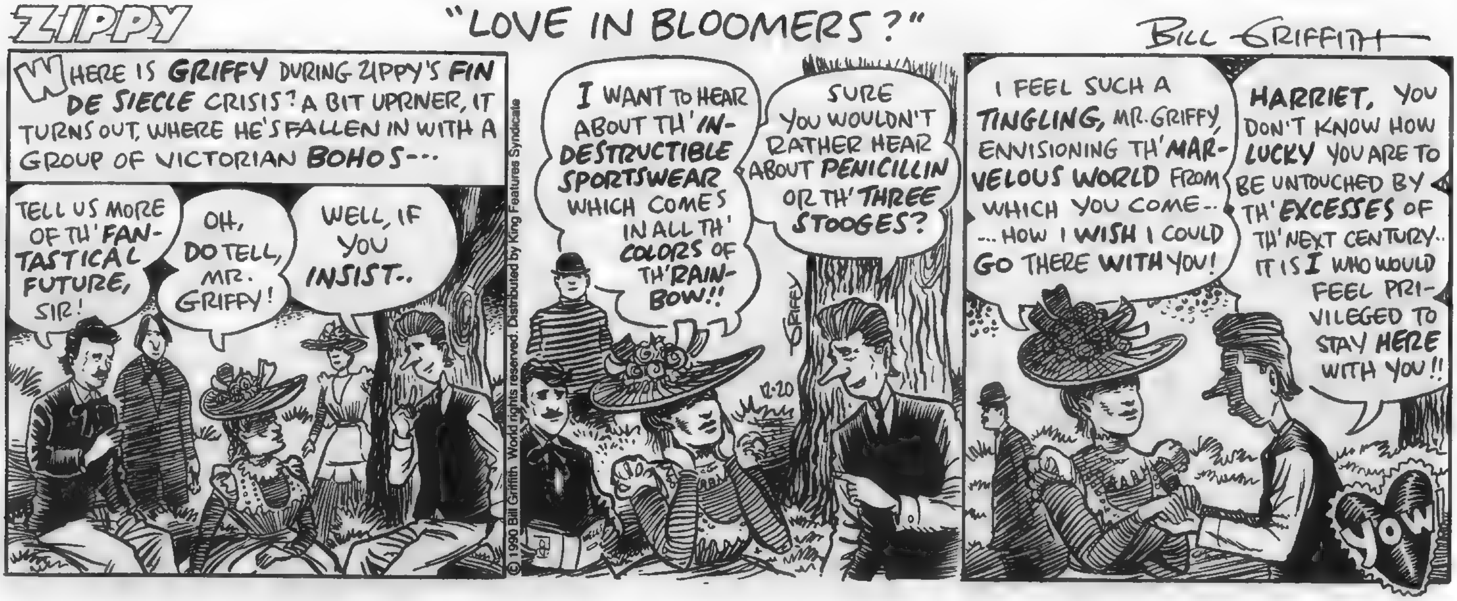
YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING I WANT, SIR! YOU CALL HIM "THE MAN-THING FROM MONGOLIA"... OH, THIS IS MR. HOPPER, ONE OF MY CARTOONISTS!
OPPER-
12·19
SOON..
I SEE GREAT THINGS FOR YOU, MY BOY.. YOU SEE, I RUN A FEW NEWSPAPERS..
HE'S ALWAYS CALLING OUT FOR HIS SWEETHEART, POOR FELLOW!
POLY-ESTER!
GRIFFY
GEE, BOSS, HOW'D YOU GET 'IM AWAY FROM TH' SIDESHOW, ANYWAY?
EVERY MAN HAS HIS PRICE, POPPER..
I CAN BE HAD FOR A 17" MAGNAVOX AND A LILLIAN VERNON CATALOG!!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"LOVE IN BLOOMERS?"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHERE IS GRIFFY DURING ZIPPY'S FIN DE SIECLE CRISIS? A BIT UPRIVER, IT TURNS OUT, WHERE HE'S FALLEN IN WITH A GROUP OF VICTORIAN BOHOS---
TELL US MORE OF TH' FANTASTICAL FUTURE, SIR!
OH, DO TELL, MR. GRIFFY!
WELL, IF YOU INSIST..
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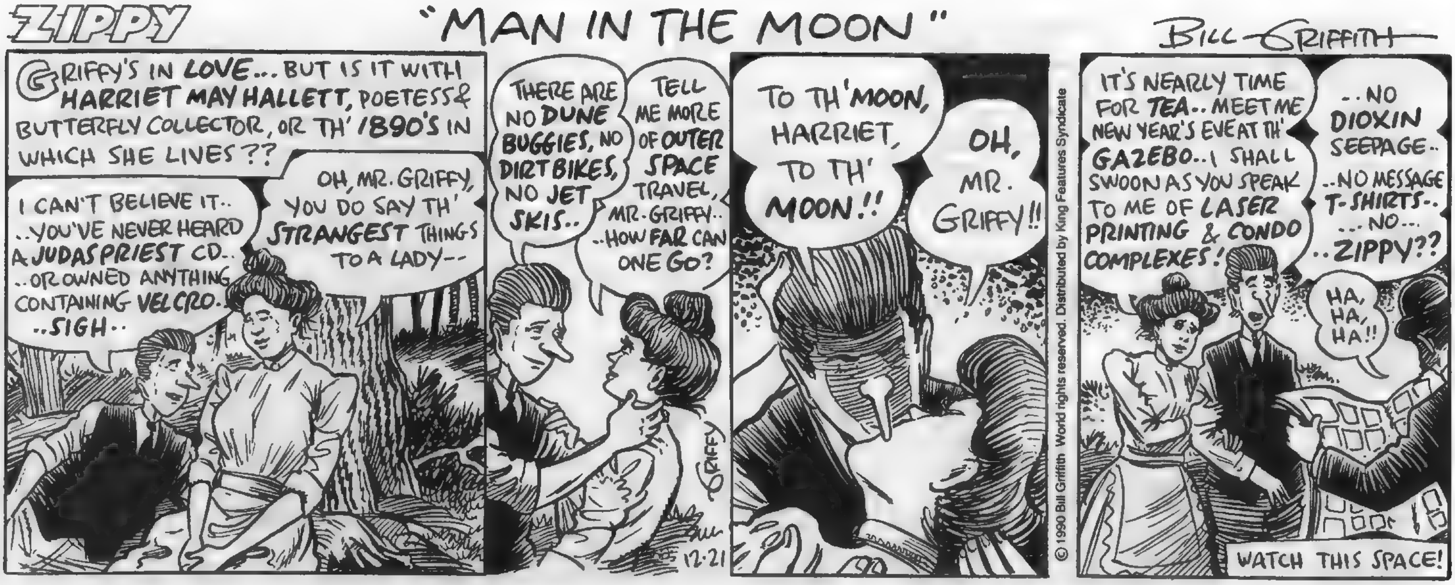
I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT TH' INDESTRUCTIBLE SPORTSWEAR WHICH COMES IN ALL TH' COLORS OF TH' RAINBOW!!
SURE YOU WOULDN'T RATHER HEAR ABOUT PENICILLIN OR TH' THREE STOOGES?
GRIFFY
12-20
I FEEL SUCH A TINGLING, MR. GRIFFY, ENVISIONING TH' MARVELOUS WORLD FROM WHICH YOU COME.. ...HOW I WISH I COULD GO THERE WITH YOU!
HARRIET, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LUCKY YOU ARE TO BE UNTOUCHED BY TH' EXCESSES OF TH' NEXT CENTURY.. IT IS I WHO WOULD FEEL PRIVILEGED TO STAY HERE WITH YOU!!
YOW!


ZIPPY
"MAN IN THE MOON"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY'S IN LOVE... BUT IS IT WITH HARRIET MAY HALLETT, POETESS & BUTTERFLY COLLECTOR, OR TH' 1890'S IN WHICH SHE LIVES??
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.. ..YOU'VE NEVER HEARD A JUDAS PRIEST CD.. ..OR OWNED ANYTHING CONTAINING VELCRO.. ..SIGH..
OH, MR. GRIFFY, YOU DO SAY TH' STRANGEST THINGS TO A LADY--
THERE ARE NO DUNE BUGGIES, NO DIRT BIKES, NO JET SKIS..
TELL ME MORE OF OUTER SPACE TRAVEL, MR. GRIFFY.. ..HOW FAR CAN ONE GO?
GRIFFY
12-21
TO TH' MOON, HARRIET, TO TH' MOON!!
OH, MR. GRIFFY!!
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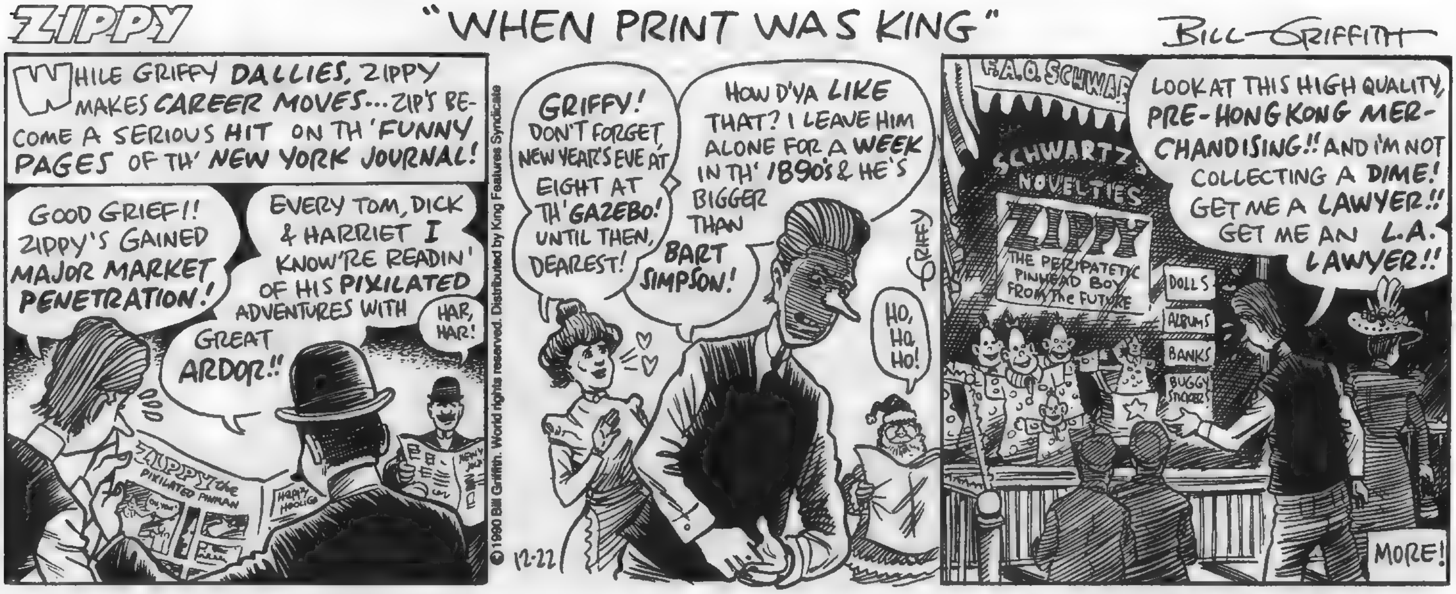
IT'S NEARLY TIME FOR TEA.. MEET ME NEW YEAR'S EVE AT TH' GAZEBO.. I SHALL SWOON AS YOU SPEAK TO ME OF LASER PRINTING & CONDO COMPLEXES!
..NO DIOXIN SEEPAGE.. ..NO MESSAGE T-SHIRTS.. ...NO... ..ZIPPY??
HA, HA, HA!!
WATCH THIS SPACE!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"WHEN PRINT WAS KING"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHILE GRIFFY DALLIES, ZIPPY MAKES CAREER MOVES... ZIP'S BECOME A SERIOUS HIT ON TH' FUNNY PAGES OF TH' NEW YORK JOURNAL!
GOOD GRIEF!! ZIPPY'S GAINED MAJOR MARKET PENETRATION!
EVERY TOM, DICK & HARRIET I KNOW'RE READIN' OF HIS PIXILATED ADVENTURES WITH GREAT ARDOR!!
HAR, HAR!
ZIPPY the PIXILATED PINHEAD
HAPPY HOOLIGAN
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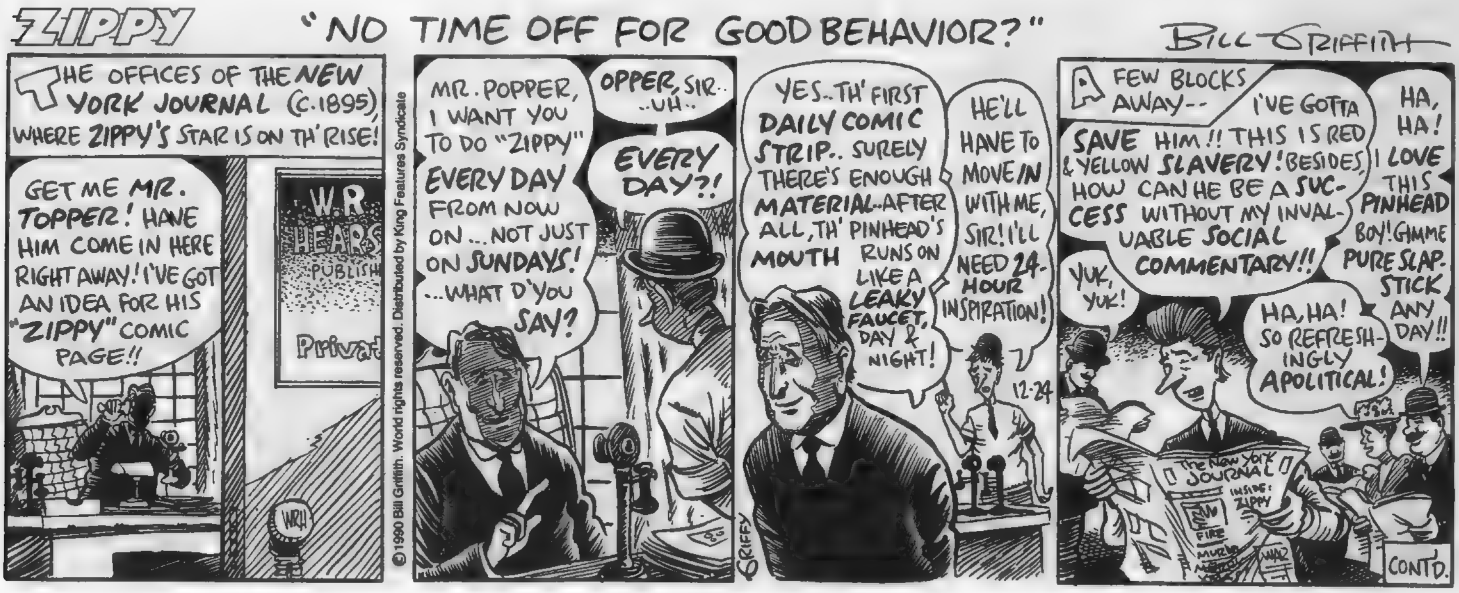
12-22
GRIFFY! DON'T FORGET, NEW YEAR'S EVE AT EIGHT AT TH' GAZEBO! UNTIL THEN, DEAREST!
HOW D'YA LIKE THAT? I LEAVE HIM ALONE FOR A WEEK IN TH' 1890'S & HE'S BIGGER THAN BART SIMPSON!
GRIFFY
HO, HO, HO!
F.A.O. SCHWAR
SCHWARTZ'S NOVELTIES
ZIPPY THE PERIPATETIC PINHEAD BOY FROM THE FUTURE
DOLLS
ALBUMS
BANKS
BUGGY STICKERS
LOOK AT THIS HIGH QUALITY, PRE-HONG KONG MERCHANDISING!! AND I'M NOT COLLECTING A DIME! GET ME A LAWYER!! GET ME AN L.A. LAWYER!!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"NO TIME OFF FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR?"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE OFFICES OF THE NEW YORK JOURNAL (C.1895), WHERE ZIPPY'S STAR IS ON TH' RISE!
GET ME MR. TOPPER! HAVE HIM COME IN HERE RIGHT AWAY! I'VE GOT AN IDEA FOR HIS "ZIPPY" COMIC PAGE!!
W.R. HEARS PUBLISH Privat
WRH
MR. POPPER, I WANT YOU TO DO "ZIPPY" EVERY DAY FROM NOW ON ... NOT JUST ON SUNDAYS! ...WHAT D'YOU SAY?
OPPER, SIR.. ..UH..
EVERY DAY?!
GRIFFY
YES.. TH' FIRST DAILY COMIC STRIP.. SURELY THERE'S ENOUGH MATERIAL.. AFTER ALL, TH' PINHEAD'S MOUTH RUNS ON LIKE A LEAKY FAUCET, DAY & NIGHT!
HE'LL HAVE TO MOVE IN WITH ME, SIR! I'LL NEED 24-HOUR INSPIRATION!
12-24
A FEW BLOCKS AWAY--
I'VE GOTTA SAVE HIM!! THIS IS RED & YELLOW SLAVERY! BESIDES, HOW CAN HE BE A SUCCESS WITHOUT MY INVALUABLE SOCIAL COMMENTARY!!
HA, HA! I LOVE THIS PINHEAD BOY! GIMME PURE SLAPSTICK ANY DAY!!
YUK, YUK!
HA, HA! SO REFRESHINGLY APOLITICAL!
The New York JOURNAL INSIDE: ZIPPY FIRE MURDER WAR
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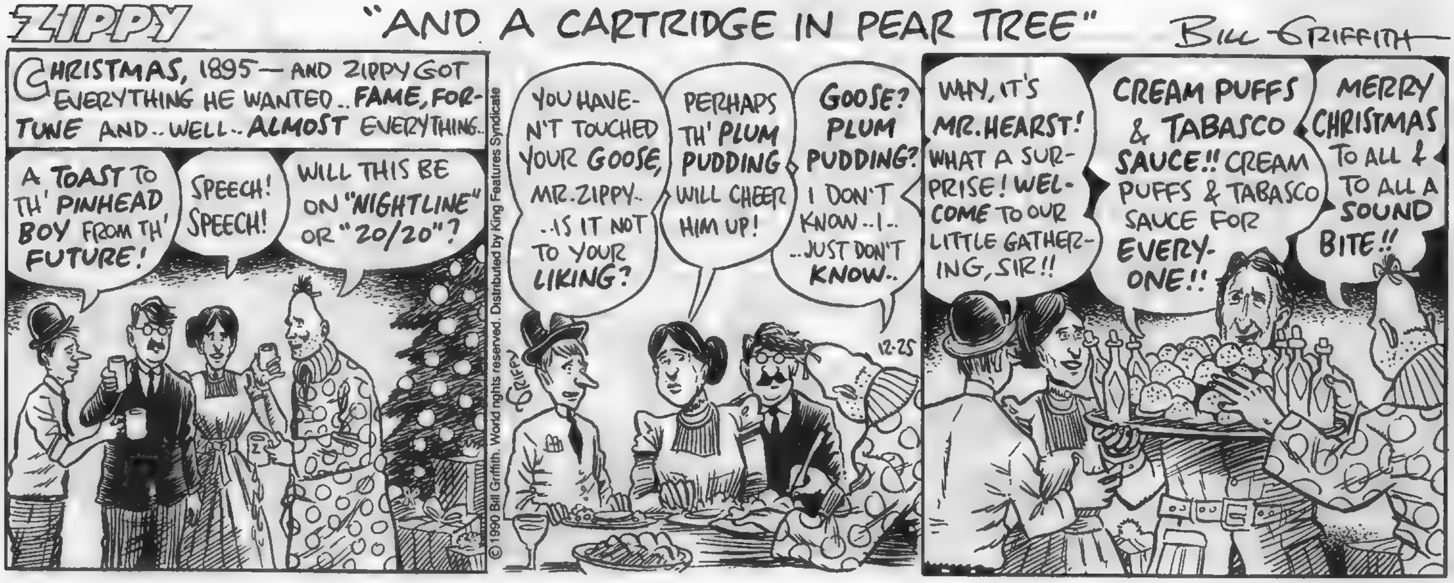
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"AND A CARTRIDGE IN PEAR TREE"
BILL GRIFFITH
CHRISTMAS, 1895— AND ZIPPY GOT EVERYTHING HE WANTED.. FAME, FORTUNE AND.. WELL.. ALMOST EVERYTHING..
A TOAST TO TH' PINHEAD BOY FROM TH' FUTURE!
SPEECH! SPEECH!
WILL THIS BE ON "NIGHTLINE" OR "20/20"?
YOU HAVEN'T TOUCHED YOUR GOOSE, MR. ZIPPY.. ..IS IT NOT TO YOUR LIKING?
PERHAPS TH' PLUM PUDDING WILL CHEER HIM UP!
GOOSE? PLUM PUDDING? I DON'T KNOW.. I.. ..JUST DON'T KNOW..
GRIFFY
12-25
WHY, IT'S MR. HEARST! WHAT A SURPRISE! WELCOME TO OUR LITTLE GATHERING, SIR!!
CREAM PUFFS & TABASCO SAUCE!! CREAM PUFFS & TABASCO SAUCE FOR EVERYONE!!
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL & TO ALL A SOUND BITE!!
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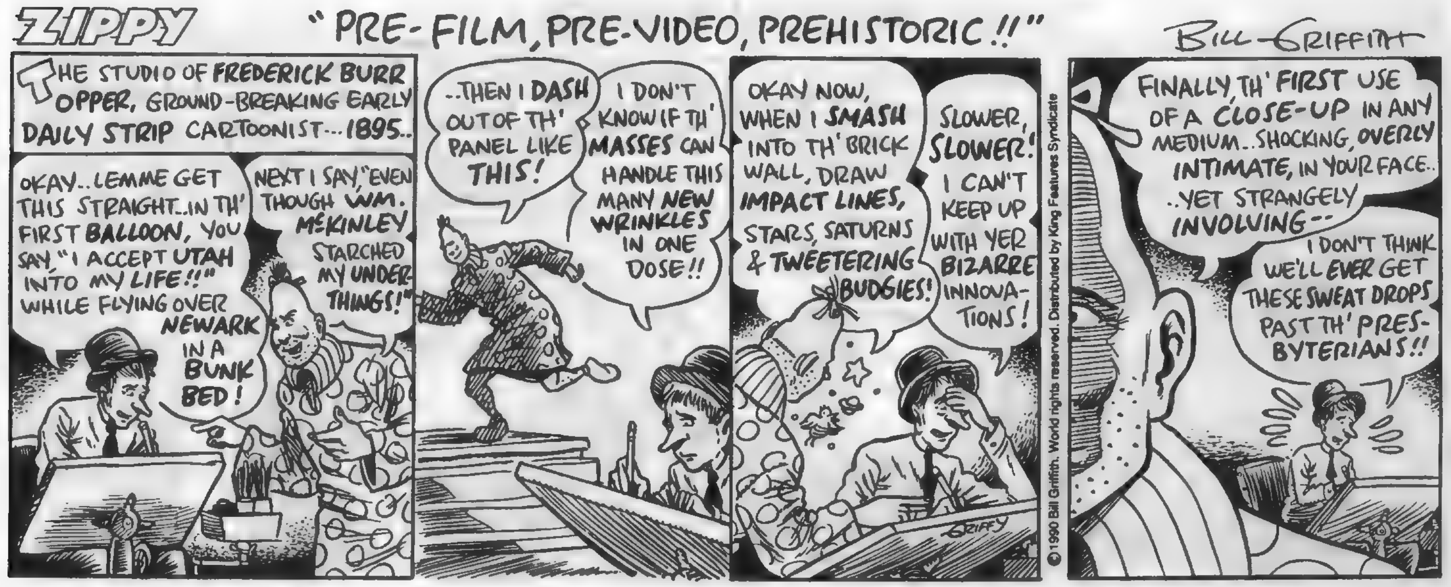
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"PRE-FILM, PRE-VIDEO, PREHISTORIC!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE STUDIO OF FREDERICK BURR OPPER, GROUND-BREAKING EARLY DAILY STRIP CARTOONIST... 1895..
OKAY.. LEMME GET THIS STRAIGHT.. IN TH' FIRST BALLOON, YOU SAY, "I ACCEPT UTAH INTO MY LIFE!!" WHILE FLYING OVER NEWARK IN A BUNK BED!
NEXT I SAY, "EVEN THOUGH WM. McKINLEY STARCHED MY UNDERTHINGS!"
..THEN I DASH OUT OF TH' PANEL LIKE THIS!
I DON'T KNOW IF TH' MASSES CAN HANDLE THIS MANY NEW WRINKLES IN ONE DOSE!!
OKAY NOW, WHEN I SMASH INTO TH' BRICK WALL, DRAW IMPACT LINES, STARS, SATURNS & TWEETERING BUDGIES!
SLOWER, SLOWER! I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YER BIZARRE INNOVATIONS!
GRIFFY
FINALLY, TH' FIRST USE OF A CLOSE-UP IN ANY MEDIUM.. SHOCKING, OVERLY INTIMATE, IN YOUR FACE.. ..YET STRANGELY INVOLVING--
I DON'T THINK WE'LL EVER GET THESE SWEAT DROPS PAST TH' PRESBYTERIANS!!
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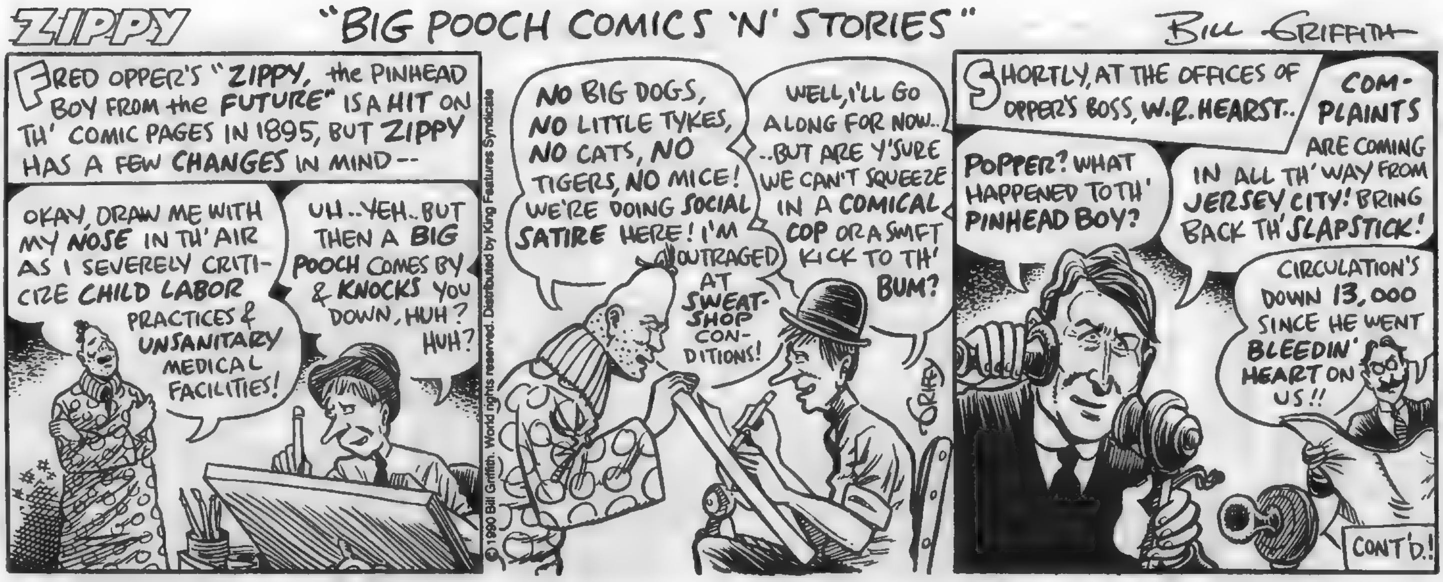
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"BIG POOCH COMICS 'N' STORIES"
BILL GRIFFITH
FRED OPPER'S "ZIPPY, the PINHEAD BOY FROM the FUTURE" IS A HIT ON TH' COMIC PAGES IN 1895, BUT ZIPPY HAS A FEW CHANGES IN MIND--
OKAY, DRAW ME WITH MY NOSE IN TH' AIR AS I SEVERELY CRITICIZE CHILD LABOR PRACTICES & UNSANITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES!
UH..YEH..BUT THEN A BIG POOCH COMES BY & KNOCKS YOU DOWN, HUH? HUH?
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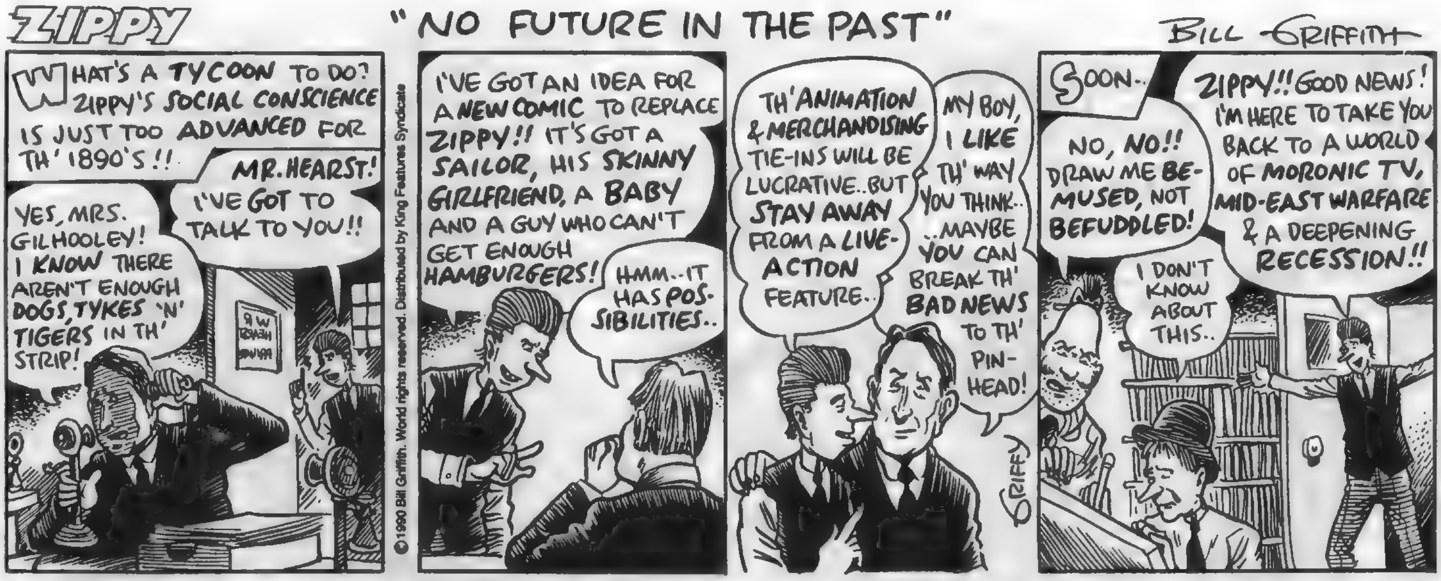
NO BIG DOGS, NO LITTLE TYKES, NO CATS, NO TIGERS, NO MICE! WE'RE DOING SOCIAL SATIRE HERE! I'M OUTRAGED AT SWEAT-SHOP CONDITIONS!
WELL, I'LL GO ALONG FOR NOW.. ..BUT ARE Y'SURE WE CAN'T SQUEEZE IN A COMICAL COP OR A SWIFT KICK TO TH' BUM?
GRIFFY
SHORTLY, AT THE OFFICES OF OPPER'S BOSS, W.R. HEARST..
POPPER? WHAT HAPPENED TO TH' PINHEAD BOY?
COMPLAINTS ARE COMING IN ALL TH' WAY FROM JERSEY CITY! BRING BACK TH' SLAPSTICK!
CIRCULATION'S DOWN 13,000 SINCE HE WENT BLEEDIN' HEART ON US!!
CONT'D.!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"NO FUTURE IN THE PAST"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'S A TYCOON TO DO? ZIPPY'S SOCIAL CONSCIENCE IS JUST TOO ADVANCED FOR TH' 1890'S!!
MR. HEARST! I'VE GOT TO TALK TO YOU!!
YES, MRS. GILHOOLEY! I KNOW THERE AREN'T ENOUGH DOGS, TYKES 'N' TIGERS IN TH' STRIP!
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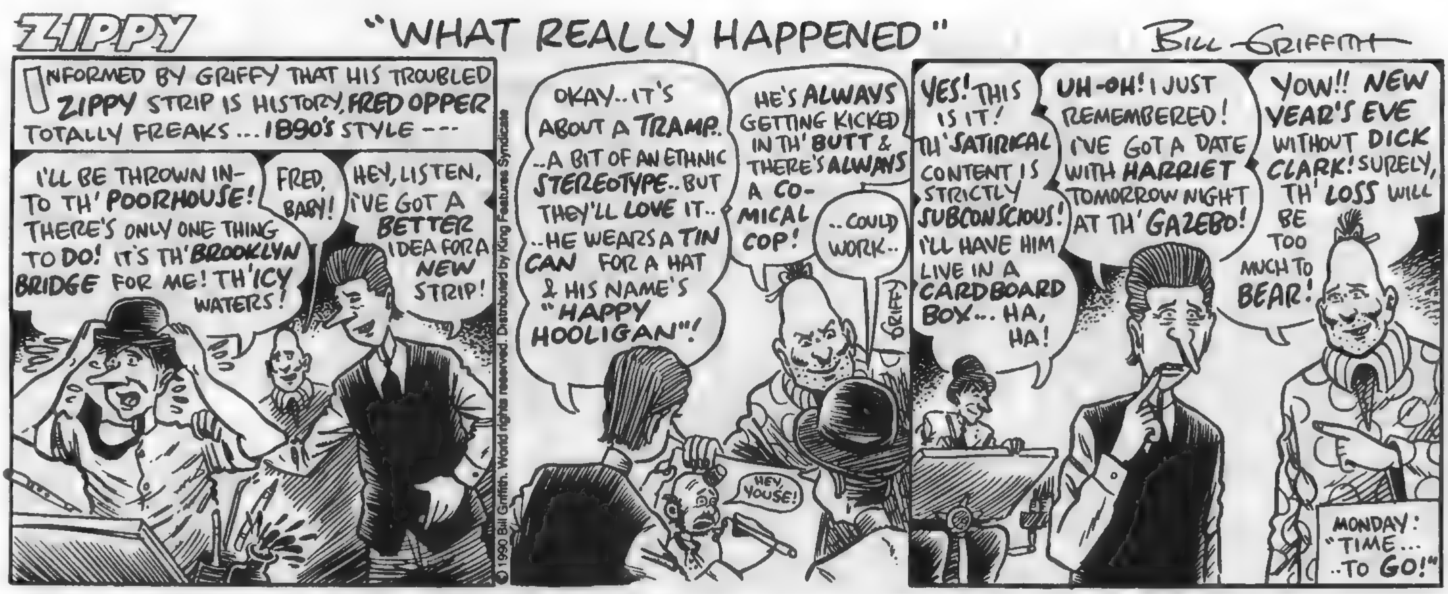
I'VE GOT AN IDEA FOR A NEW COMIC TO REPLACE ZIPPY!! IT'S GOT A SAILOR, HIS SKINNY GIRLFRIEND, A BABY AND A GUY WHO CAN'T GET ENOUGH HAMBURGERS!
HMM..IT HAS POSSIBILITIES..
TH' ANIMATION & MERCHANDISING TIE-INS WILL BE LUCRATIVE..BUT STAY AWAY FROM A LIVE-ACTION FEATURE..
MY BOY, I LIKE TH' WAY YOU THINK.. ..MAYBE YOU CAN BREAK TH' BAD NEWS TO TH' PINHEAD!
GRIFFY
SOON..
ZIPPY!! GOOD NEWS! I'M HERE TO TAKE YOU BACK TO A WORLD OF MORONIC TV, MID-EAST WARFARE & A DEEPENING RECESSION!!
NO, NO!! DRAW ME BEMUSED, NOT BEFUDDLED!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS..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"WHAT REALLY HAPPENED"
BILL GRIFFITH
INFORMED BY GRIFFY THAT HIS TROUBLED ZIPPY STRIP IS HISTORY, FRED OPPER TOTALLY FREAKS... 1890'S STYLE ---
I'LL BE THROWN INTO TH' POORHOUSE! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO! IT'S TH' BROOKLYN BRIDGE FOR ME! TH' ICY WATERS!
FRED, BABY!
HEY, LISTEN, I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA FOR A NEW STRIP!
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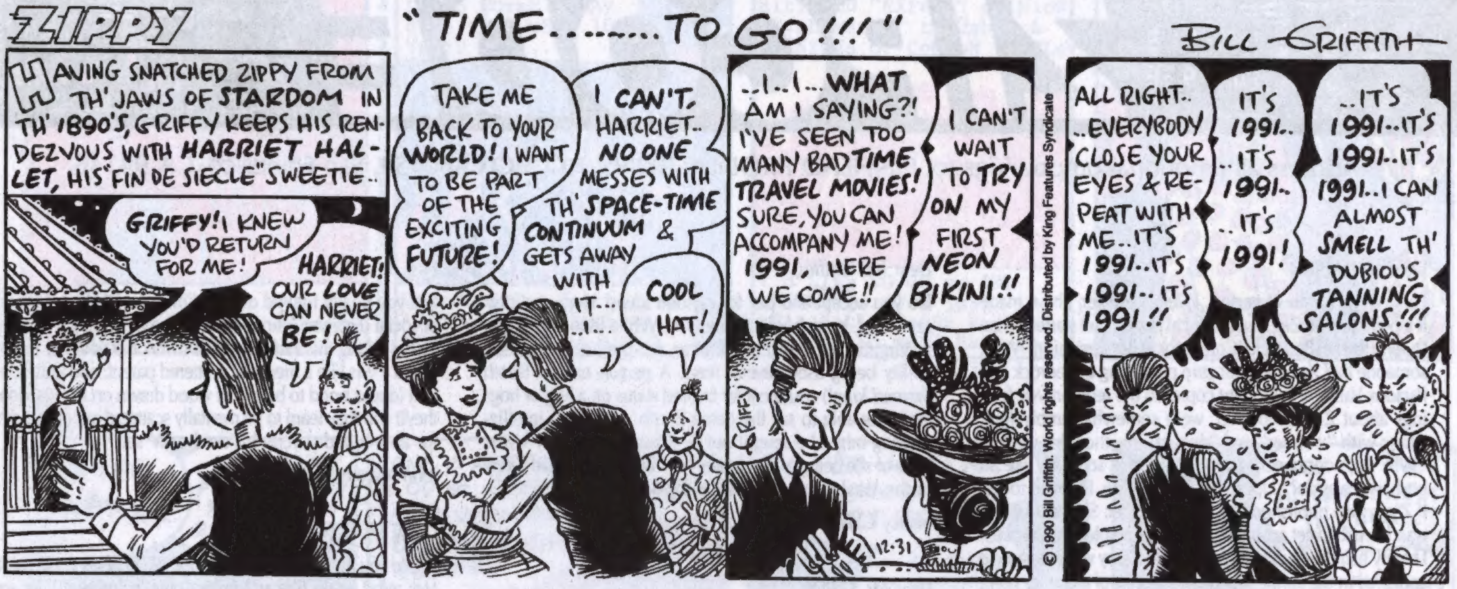
OKAY.. IT'S ABOUT A TRAMP.. ..A BIT OF AN ETHNIC STEREOTYPE.. BUT THEY'LL LOVE IT.. ..HE WEARS A TIN CAN FOR A HAT & HIS NAME'S "HAPPY HOOLIGAN"!
HE'S ALWAYS GETTING KICKED IN TH' BUTT & THERE'S ALWAYS A COMICAL COP!
..COULD WORK..
HEY, YOUSE!
GRIFFY
YES! THIS IS IT! TH' SATIRICAL CONTENT IS STRICTLY SUBCONSCIOUS! I'LL HAVE HIM LIVE IN A CARDBOARD BOX... HA, HA!
UH-OH! I JUST REMEMBERED! I'VE GOT A DATE WITH HARRIET TOMORROW NIGHT AT TH' GAZEBO!
YOW!! NEW YEAR'S EVE WITHOUT DICK CLARK! SURELY, TH' LOSS WILL BE TOO MUCH TO BEAR!
MONDAY: "TIME... ..TO GO!"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"TIME........TO GO!!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
HAVING SNATCHED ZIPPY FROM TH' JAWS OF STARDOM IN TH' 1890'S, GRIFFY KEEPS HIS RENDEZVOUS WITH HARRIET HALLET, HIS "FIN DE SIECLE" SWEETIE..
GRIFFY! I KNEW YOU'D RETURN FOR ME!
HARRIET! OUR LOVE CAN NEVER BE!
TAKE ME BACK TO YOUR WORLD! I WANT TO BE PART OF THE EXCITING FUTURE!
I CAN'T, HARRIET.. NO ONE MESSES WITH TH' SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM & GETS AWAY WITH IT... ..I...
COOL HAT!
..I..I...WHAT AM I SAYING?! I'VE SEEN TOO MANY BAD TIME TRAVEL MOVIES! SURE, YOU CAN ACCOMPANY ME! 1991, HERE WE COME!!
I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY ON MY FIRST NEON BIKINI!!
GRIFFY
12-31
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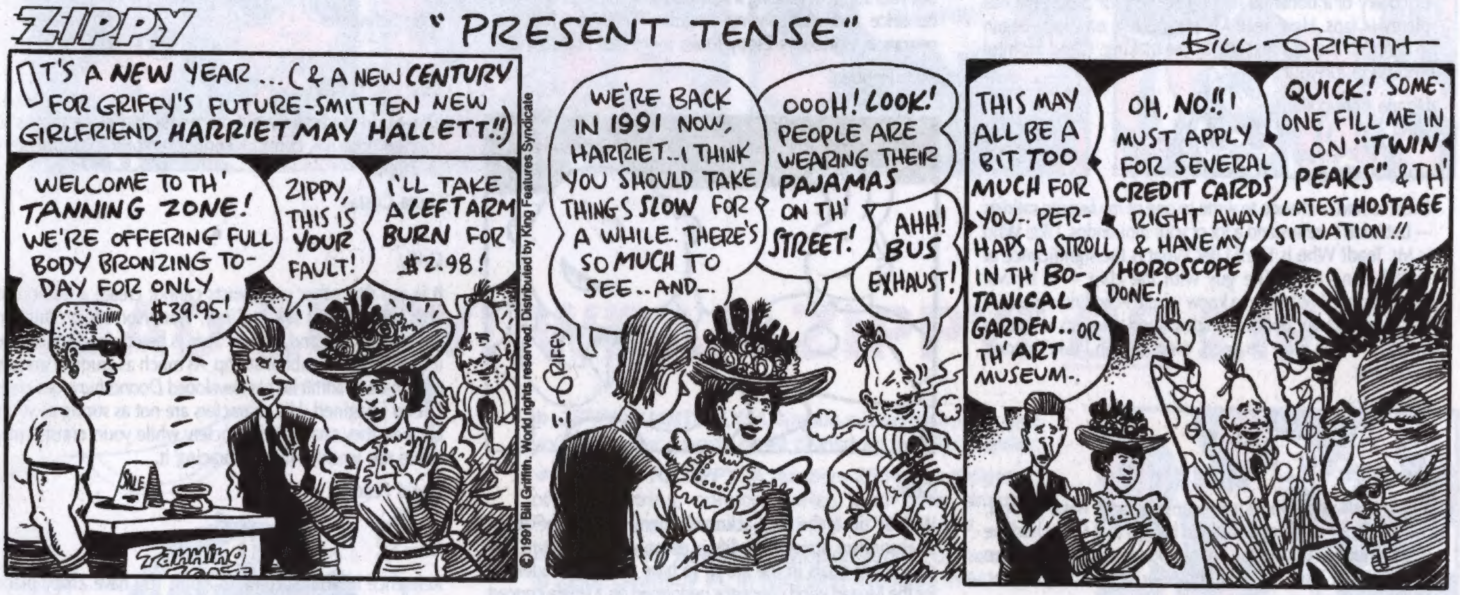
ALL RIGHT.. ..EVERYBODY CLOSE YOUR EYES & REPEAT WITH ME..IT'S 1991..IT'S 1991..IT'S 1991!!
IT'S 1991.. ..IT'S 1991.. ..IT'S 1991!
..IT'S 1991..IT'S 1991..IT'S 1991..I CAN ALMOST SMELL TH' DUBIOUS TANNING SALONS!!!


ZIPPY
"PRESENT TENSE"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S A NEW YEAR...(& A NEW CENTURY FOR GRIFFY'S FUTURE-SMITTEN NEW GIRLFRIEND, HARRIET MAY HALLETT!!)
WELCOME TO TH' TANNING ZONE! WE'RE OFFERING FULL BODY BRONZING TODAY FOR ONLY $39.95!
ZIPPY, THIS IS YOUR FAULT!
I'LL TAKE A LEFT ARM BURN FOR $2.98!
SALE
TANNING ZONE
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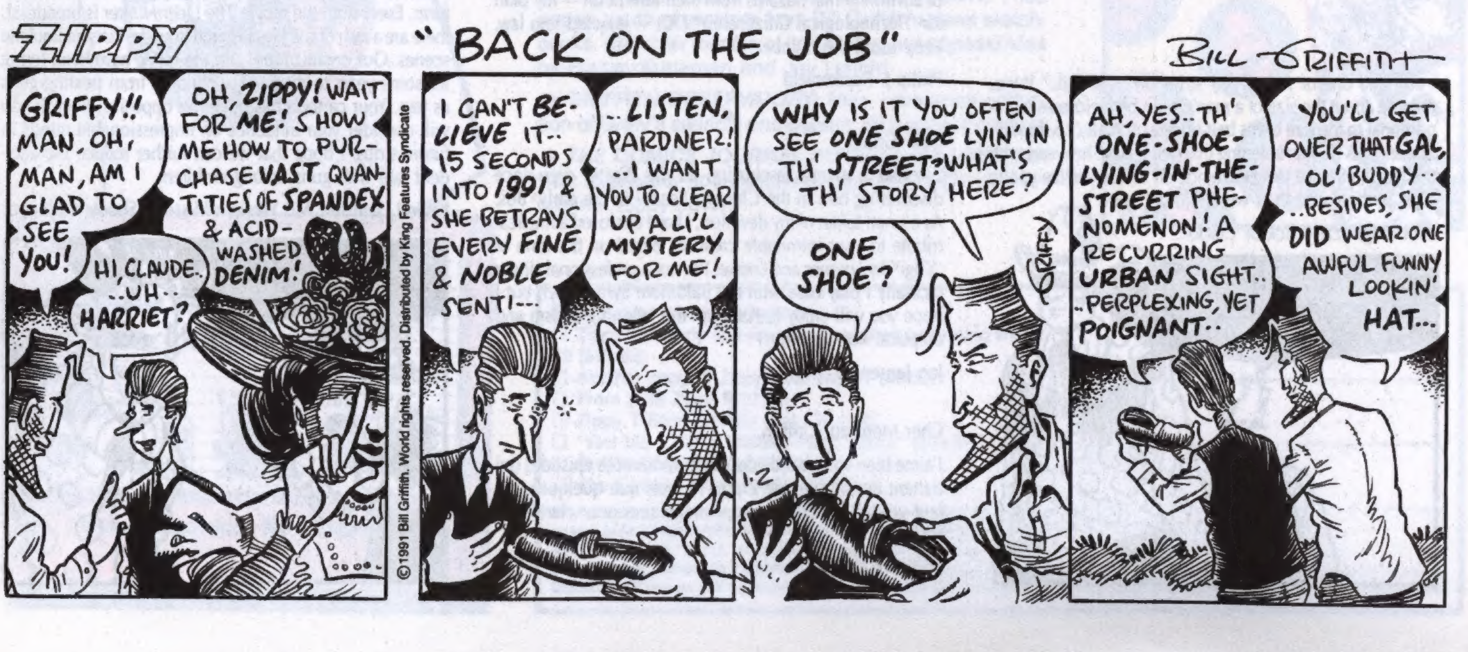
WE'RE BACK IN 1991 NOW, HARRIET..I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THINGS SLOW FOR A WHILE. THERE'S SO MUCH TO SEE..AND..
OOOH! LOOK! PEOPLE ARE WEARING THEIR PAJAMAS ON TH' STREET!
AHH! BUS EXHAUST!
GRIFFY
1-1
THIS MAY ALL BE A BIT TOO MUCH FOR YOU.. PERHAPS A STROLL IN TH' BOTANICAL GARDEN..OR TH' ART MUSEUM..
OH, NO!! I MUST APPLY FOR SEVERAL CREDIT CARDS RIGHT AWAY & HAVE MY HOROSCOPE DONE!
QUICK! SOMEONE FILL ME IN ON "TWIN PEAKS" & TH' LATEST HOSTAGE SITUATION!!


ZIPPY
"BACK ON THE JOB"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY!! MAN, OH, MAN, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
OH, ZIPPY! WAIT FOR ME! SHOW ME HOW TO PURCHASE VAST QUANTITIES OF SPANDEX & ACID-WASHED DENIM!
HI, CLAUDE.. ..UH.. HARRIET?
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I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.. 15 SECONDS INTO 1991 & SHE BETRAYS EVERY FINE & NOBLE SENTI---
..LISTEN, PARDNER! ..I WANT YOU TO CLEAR UP A LI'L MYSTERY FOR ME!
WHY IS IT YOU OFTEN SEE ONE SHOE LYIN' IN TH' STREET? WHAT'S TH' STORY HERE?
ONE SHOE?
1-2
GRIFFY
AH, YES.. TH' ONE-SHOE-LYING-IN-THE-STREET PHENOMENON! A RECURRING URBAN SIGHT.. ..PERPLEXING, YET POIGNANT..
YOU'LL GET OVER THAT GAL, OL' BUDDY.. ..BESIDES, SHE DID WEAR ONE AWFUL FUNNY LOOKIN' HAT...

ZIPCODE

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

I am not a "funnies" person. Lately, however, I have made it a point to read *Zippy* in our local paper. It all started when I went to the Bedrock (Colorado) school reunion. Well, someone had Xeroxed your strip pertaining to Bedrock and Paradox Valley and brought copies to the reunion. My feelings about *Zippy,* however, were somewhat ambivalent. Along with "wonder" and "delight," my thoughts were — "Why does our cheerleader have to look so much like an unshaven weirdo?" Upon my return home, I looked to see if *Zippy* was published in our local paper. Sure enough, it was. I began to get acquainted with this perplexing character. I barely had the chance to warm up to Zippy when an article appeared in the comic section [the results of a comics poll]. I'm not alone. Nobody likes him! I began to have sympathy for poor old Zippy. And then further reading led to the discovery of a bonafide rooting section for Zippy. He has plenty of fans. How neat! My perspective on Zippy began to change. This is a real star in the making. Good for him! And good for you!

Donna Bertuccelli

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Hello Pinheads,

Great to have a chance to write to one of my favorite satirists — but I don't understand a lot of your innuendos. Like: Who is Mr. Toad? Who is Shelf-Life? What is the significance of Griffy's long nose? The guy with the chin — is he Mr. Materialism? Would like to know where I can find a glossary that explains your political angles. Keep them up, whatever they are — you must be good, even though I don't understand you.

Jim Mackay

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Dear Bill,

You are one of the most interesting, bizarre, wise, cynical, hilarious and outrageous human beings that I have had the good fortune to encounter. Thank you for your labors of love (cranking out *Zippy* so faithfully). Your work is magnificent. You are a great genius.

John

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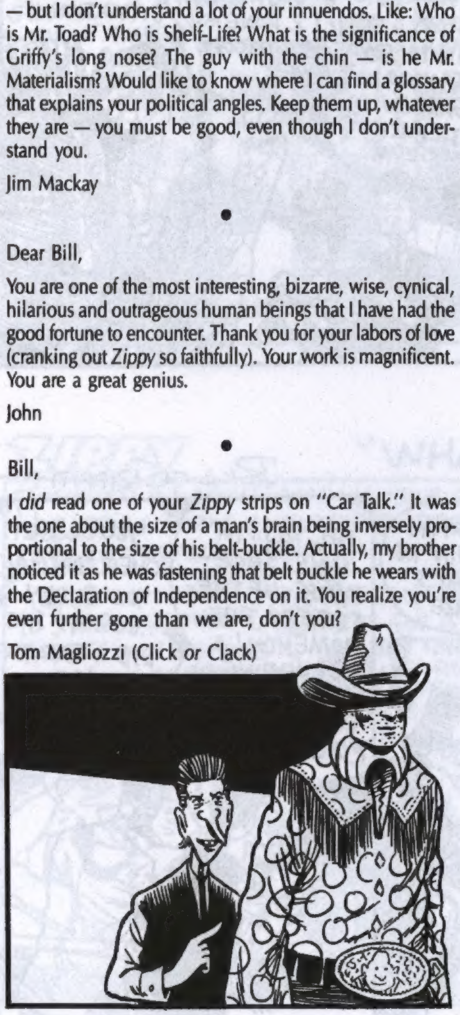
Bill,

I *did* read one of your *Zippy* strips on "Car Talk." It was the one about the size of a man's brain being inversely proportional to the size of his belt-buckle. Actually, my brother noticed it as he was fastening that belt buckle he wears with the Declaration of Independence on it. You realize you're even further gone than we are, don't you?

Tom Magliozzi (Click *or* Clack)



Dear Mr. Griffith,

Do you accept and pay for cartoon ideas? Hogs and pigs say "Boof, boof, boof" all the time. While living on a farm in Virginia, we heard them. I can see the hog's linguistic ability being used several ways. A person named Booth (farmer? king?) could confer favored status on a hog or hogs for being able to say the name Booth. A famous, intelligent hog might be sought out by Zippy or Griffy by virtue of he or she being a "Boof-sayer" or "Boofsayer." I read *Zippy* in the *Washington* Post every day. I relish it.

Nancy L. Peters

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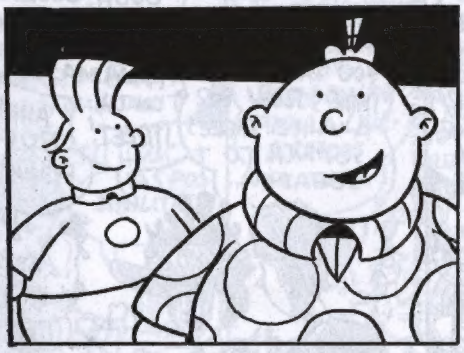
Dear Mr. Griffith,

Maybe it's the life in the fast lane, maybe it's just old age, but your Zippy is looking a little paunchy these days. Where he once had a menacing, angular Punch-and-Judy appearance, nowadays Zippy looks more like Yogi Berra.

Rich Feinberg



Griffy,

With a "tip o' the pin" acknowledgement from the abbot of absurdism himself, my life is complete. I can retire. My only other goals in life are (1) to have all of my cadenzas for the Mozart wind concertos performed on a single concert in Salzburg and (2) to have my blueprint for citizen control of environmental hazards from their advent on — my plan for "Technological Citizenship" (TC) — enacted into law. Keep using the number 47.

Philip J. Frankenfeld

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Dear Griffy,

I've had a strange fascination for the Zipster ever since discovering him in the *Chicago Reader* in the early '80s. As a small token of my devotion, I have enclosed a musical tribute to your inimitable creation, based on the tune of "Gigi" by Loerner and Loewe. I'm not a professional singer (actually I play bass with the Baltimore Symphony), but I hope you will enjoy it. Keep up the whining elitism and elliptical non-sequiturs!

Jon Jensen

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Cher Monsieur Griffith,

J'aime bien votre bande dessinee, surtout ces episodes qui traitent des amours de Zippy. Je crois que quelquefois il faut utiliser des personnages imaginaires pour clarifier la realite.

Philip Le Vine

Hey Bill,

See you finally figured out the "introjected chaos" theory of social disorganization. Keep up the great work — no one else is taking this stuff on in the comix but you. My theory is that TV is like a mentally scattered parent: and kids *bond* to it (ducks bond to blocks of wood drawn on strings, don't they?) and they learn to be mentally scattered out of *empathy* for an intuited psyche inside the TV set!

John Maguire

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Griffy,

Could you tip the pin to Brenda Mahnken? She's my Zerbina. Her mind works like an Impressionist painting. I'll let you get back to your laundry — I believe many of your visions come during the spin cycle.

John Schneider

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Dear Mr. Griffith,

The world is certainly a more endurable place thanks to your compulsive, curmudgeonly, comforting commentary in *Zippy.*

Laura Costas

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Griffy,

It is sad that other cartoonists cannot create a humorous atmosphere like I see in *Zippy.* Watterson seems stuck in his own cliches and *The Far Side* is beginning to look like it is done with a rubber stamp. As much as Trudeau annoys me, I have to admit he has developed *Doonesbury* into areas I never imagined. His characters are not as strong as yours because they change with society while yours consistently refute the world while embracing it.

David Peacock

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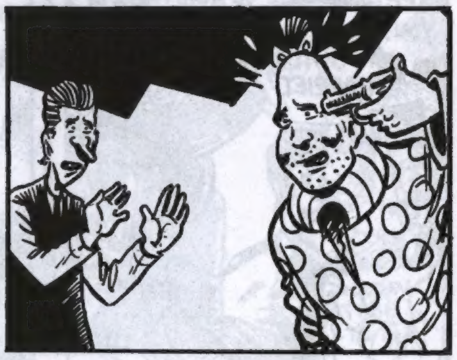
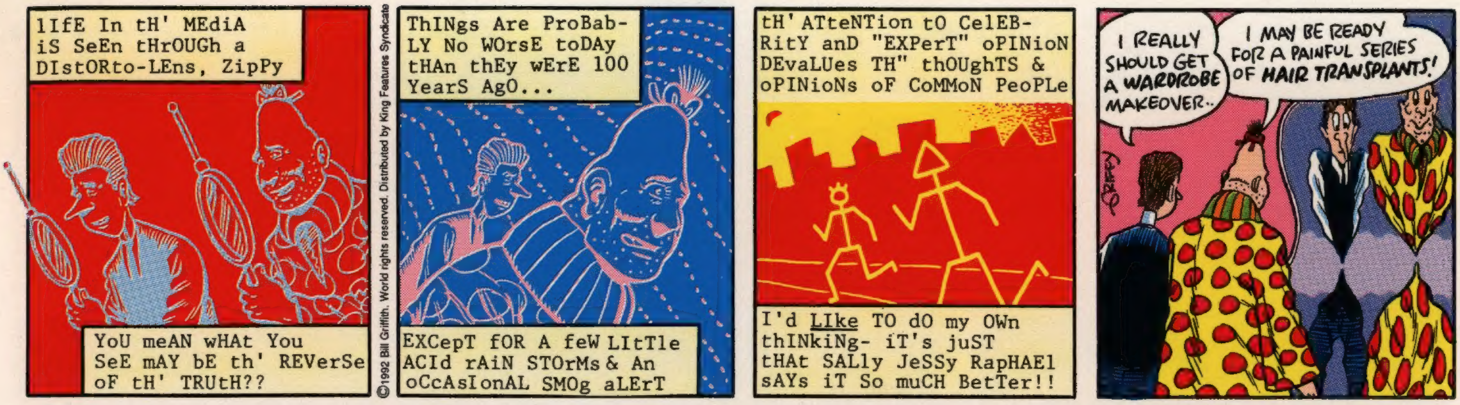
Dear Sir,

Reference to your strip of 18 April. You have Zippy place a gun to his head in despondency over an imaginary cancellation of his imaginary (TV) program. This is very poor form. Every time the movie *The Deer Hunter* is broadcast, there are a rash of suicides inspired from the Russian Roulette scenes. Our organization, and the NRA, have been trying for some years to discourage children from treating guns as toys. Your cartoon has quite the opposite effect. If you will consider your influence on impressionable minds in future strips, I hope that we can further reduce the accident rate with guns among children.

Kevin L. Jamison, V.P. Western Missouri Shooters Alliance




lIfE In tH' MEdiA iS SeEn tHrOUGh a DIstORto-LEns, ZipPy
YoU meAN wHAt You SeE mAY bE th' REVerSe oF tH' TRUtH??
ThINgs Are ProBabLY No WOrsE toDAy tHAn thEy wErE 100 YearS AgO...
EXCepT fOR A feW LItTle ACId rAiN STOrMs & An oCcAsIonAL SMOg aLErT
tH' ATteNTion tO CelEBRitY anD "EXPerT" oPINioN DEvaLUes TH" thOUghTS & oPINioNs oF CoMMoN PeOPLe
I'd LIke TO dO my OWn thINkiNg- iT's juST tHAt SALly JeSSy RapHAEl sAYs iT So muCH BetTer!!
I REALLY SHOULD GET A WARDROBE MAKEOVER..
I MAY BE READY FOR A PAINFUL SERIES OF HAIR TRANSPLANTS!

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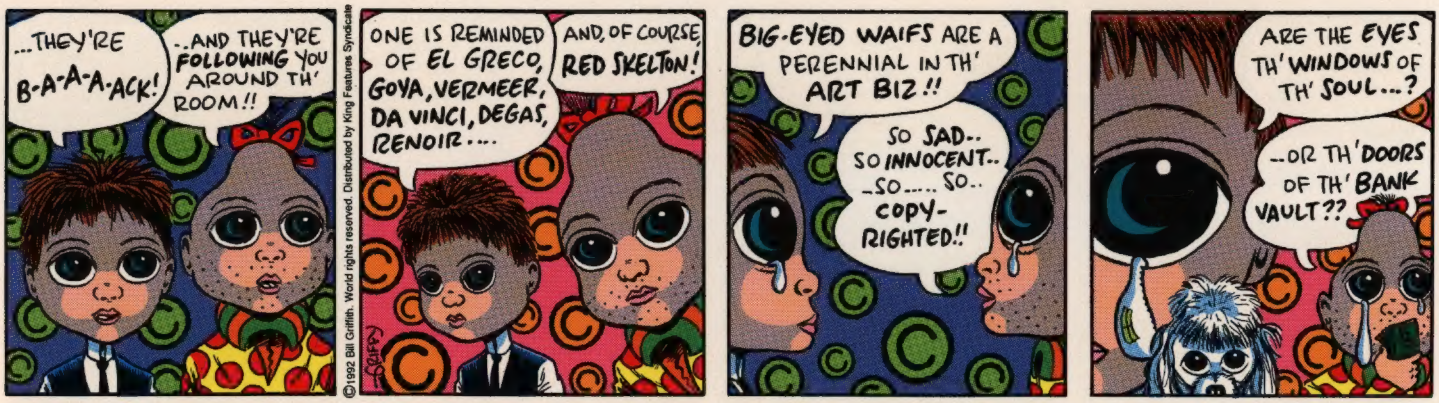
...THEY'RE B-A-A-A-ACK!
..AND THEY'RE FOLLOWING YOU AROUND TH' ROOM!!
ONE IS REMINDED OF EL GRECO, GOYA, VERMEER, DA VINCI, DEGAS, RENOIR....
AND, OF COURSE, RED SKELTON!
BIG-EYED WAIFS ARE A PERENNIAL IN TH' ART BIZ!!
SO SAD.. SO INNOCENT.. _SO..... SO.. COPY-RIGHTED!!
ARE THE EYES TH' WINDOWS OF TH' SOUL...?
..OR TH' DOORS OF TH' BANK VAULT??

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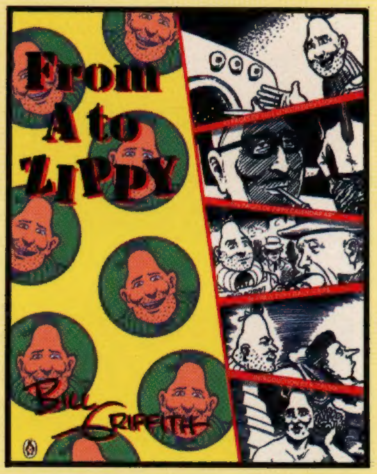
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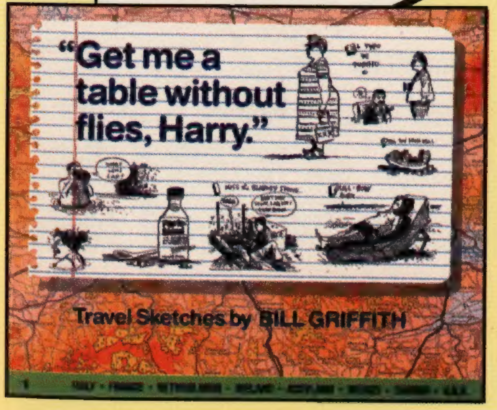
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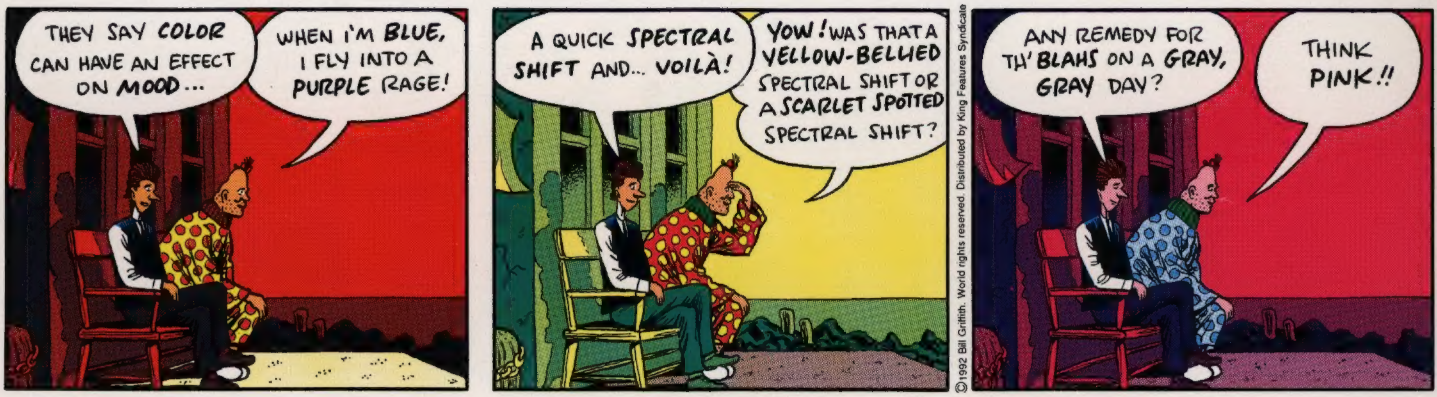
THEY SAY COLOR CAN HAVE AN EFFECT ON MOOD...
WHEN I'M BLUE, I FLY INTO A PURPLE RAGE!
A QUICK SPECTRAL SHIFT AND... VOILÀ!
YOW! WAS THAT A YELLOW-BELLIED SPECTRAL SHIFT OR A SCARLET SPOTTED SPECTRAL SHIFT?
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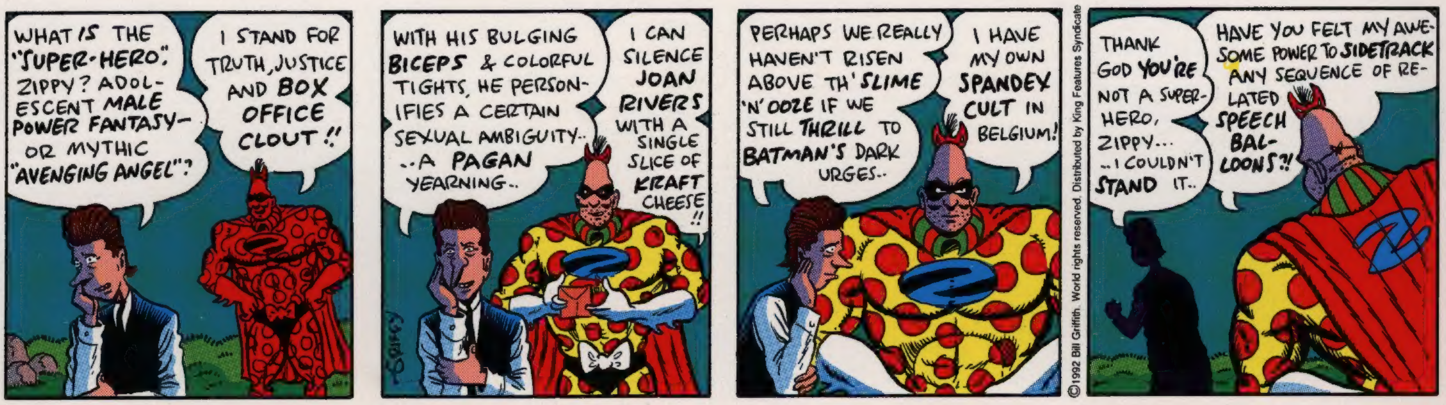
ANY REMEDY FOR TH' BLAHS ON A GRAY, GRAY DAY?
THINK PINK!!


WHAT IS THE "SUPER-HERO," ZIPPY? ADOLESCENT MALE POWER FANTASY-- OR MYTHIC "AVENGING ANGEL"?
I STAND FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE AND BOX OFFICE CLOUT!!
WITH HIS BULGING BICEPS & COLORFUL TIGHTS, HE PERSONIFIES A CERTAIN SEXUAL AMBIGUITY.. ..A PAGAN YEARNING..
I CAN SILENCE JOAN RIVERS WITH A SINGLE SLICE OF KRAFT CHEESE!!
GRIFFY
PERHAPS WE REALLY HAVEN'T RISEN ABOVE TH' SLIME 'N' OOZE IF WE STILL THRILL TO BATMAN'S DARK URGES..
I HAVE MY OWN SPANDEX CULT IN BELGIUM!
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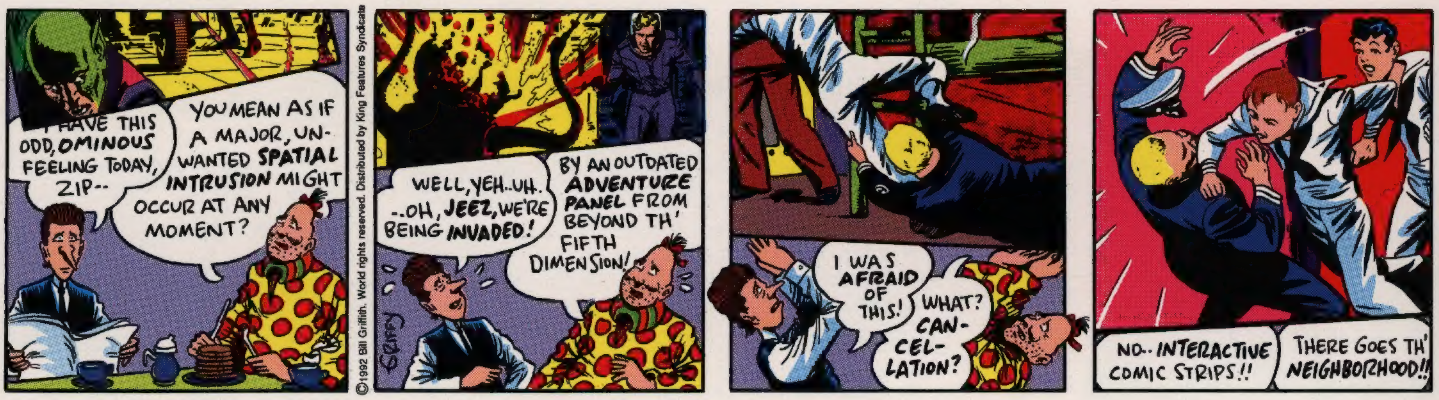
THANK GOD YOU'RE NOT A SUPER-HERO, ZIPPY... ..I COULDN'T STAND IT..
HAVE YOU FELT MY AWESOME POWER TO SIDETRACK ANY SEQUENCE OF RELATED SPEECH BALLOONS?!


I HAVE THIS ODD, OMINOUS FEELING TODAY, ZIP--
YOU MEAN AS IF A MAJOR, UNWANTED SPATIAL INTRUSION MIGHT OCCUR AT ANY MOMENT?
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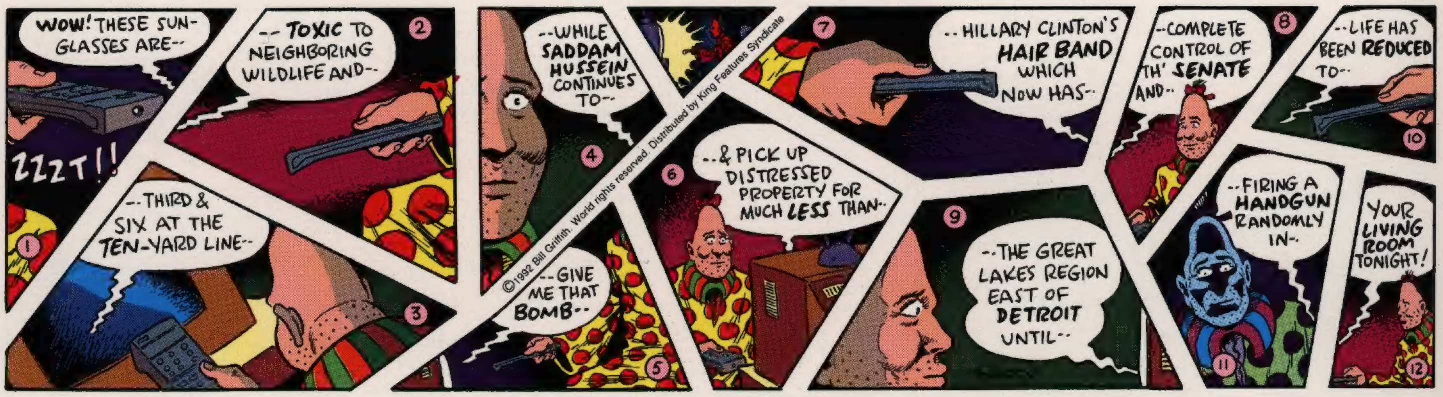
WELL, YEH..UH.. ..OH, JEEZ, WE'RE BEING INVADED!
BY AN OUTDATED ADVENTURE PANEL FROM BEYOND TH' FIFTH DIMENSION!
GRIFFY
I WAS AFRAID OF THIS!
WHAT? CANCELLATION?
NO.. INTERACTIVE COMIC STRIPS!!
THERE GOES TH' NEIGHBORHOOD!!


WOW! THESE SUNGLASSES ARE--
ZZZT!!
1
--TOXIC TO NEIGHBORING WILDLIFE AND--
2
--THIRD & SIX AT THE TEN-YARD LINE--
3
--WHILE SADDAM HUSSEIN CONTINUES TO--
4
--GIVE ME THAT BOMB--
5
--& PICK UP DISTRESSED PROPERTY FOR MUCH LESS THAN--
6
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7
--HILLARY CLINTON'S HAIR BAND WHICH NOW HAS--
--COMPLETE CONTROL OF TH' SENATE AND--
8
--THE GREAT LAKES REGION EAST OF DETROIT UNTIL--
9
--LIFE HAS BEEN REDUCED TO--
10
--FIRING A HANDGUN RANDOMLY IN--
11
YOUR LIVING ROOM TONIGHT!
12

"Think Zippy the Pinhead."

Brandon Tartikoff, former chairman
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